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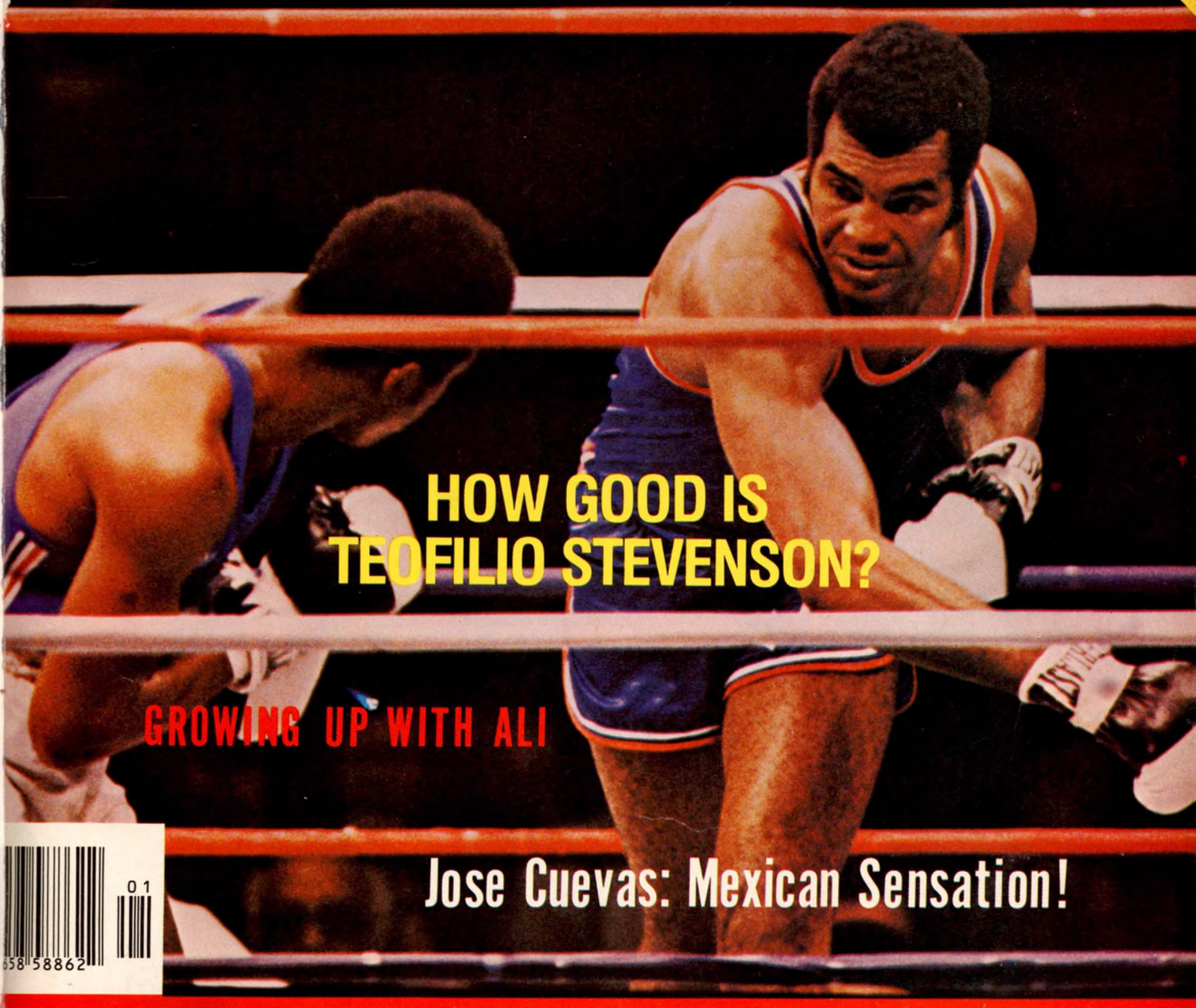

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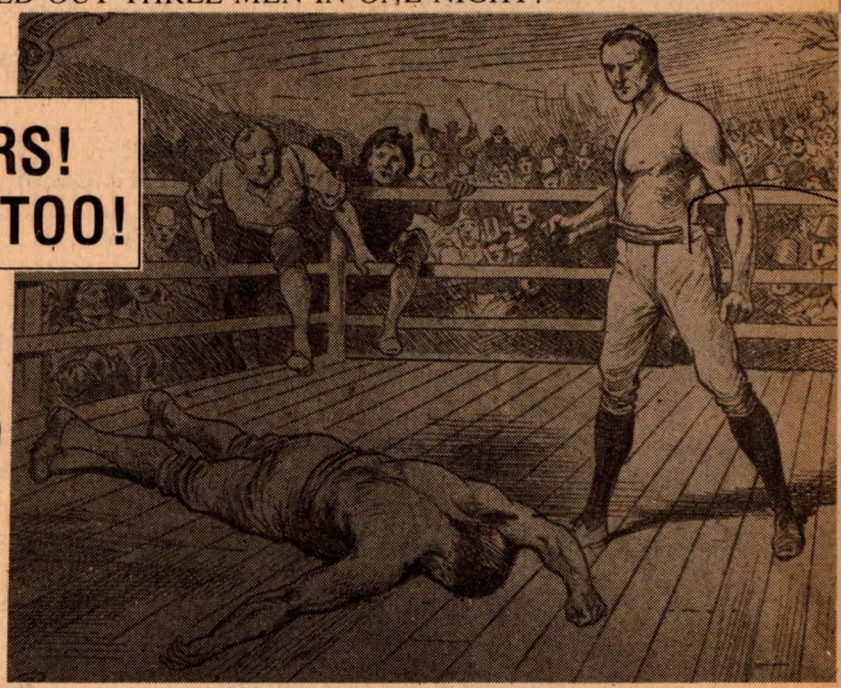

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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

BY NAT LOUBET,

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I am amazed how people in prominent positions in the sports world can do things that will hurt their public image, and often their careers. At the moment, I am thinking of the announced intention of Muhammad Ali to box five three-round exhibitions with Teofilo Stevenson, the Cuban amateur.

In my book, this rivals Ali's fiasco when he entered into a 15-round boxer-vs.-wrestler in Tokyo against Antonio Inoki. Ali would be advised to remember the reception by the press and public of that involvement with vaudeville. It certainly didn't help his image as one of the all-time great heavyweight champions.

If Ali does go through with these five exhibitions with Stevenson it could be for only one reason—money. Does he need it that much?

The idea of having an exhibition is not new. Many heavyweight champions have had exhibitions, Joe Louis for one; but to have five against the same man and that man an amateur is truly ridiculous.

Boxing historians and experts have always maintained that, whenever a heavyweight champion goes into the ring, his title is on the line. Unlike the other divisions in boxing where, because of weight cutoffs, non-title fights can be insured by the fighters' coming in overweight, this cannot be done with heavyweights. It is therefore obvious that should Stevenson land a lucky punch and knock Ali out cold, the Cuban and his Iron Curtain partisans would claim him as the uncrowned champion of the world.

Normally, this would not be a debacle since Stevenson could then fight Ali in a world title match and the winner would be the new champion. However, in this case, both the Cuban government and Stevenson have stated that in no circumstances would Stevenson turn professional—although it is hard to understand how Stevenson can be an amateur if he enters into exhibitions with Ali in which Ali and others obtain money from the exhibitions. The matches won't be for charity as it is now set up.

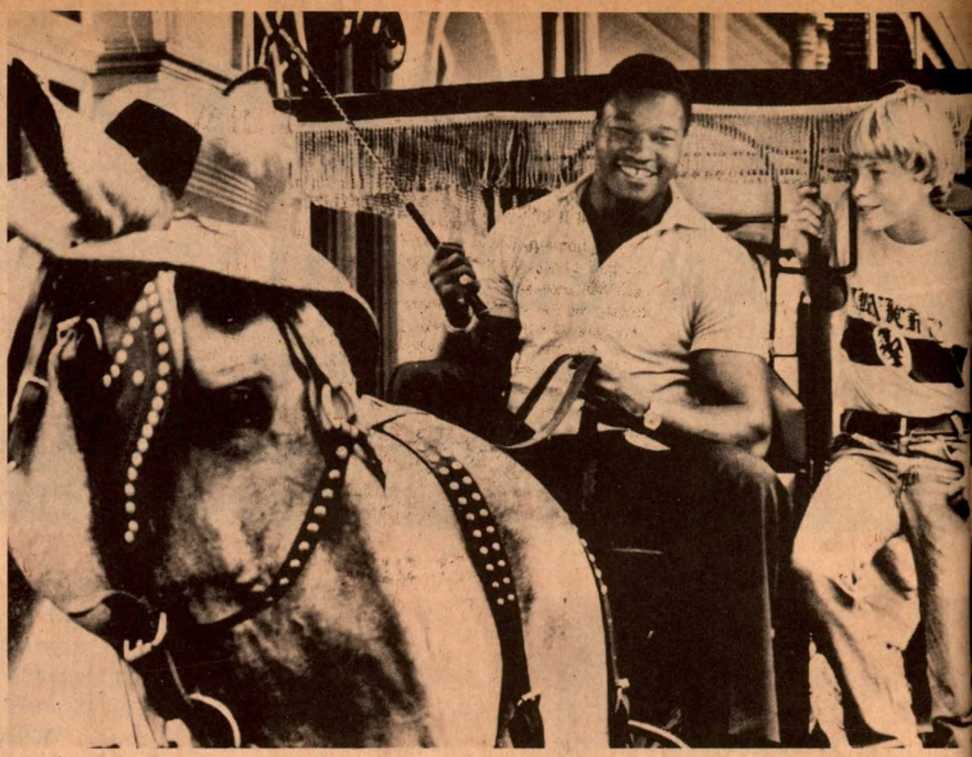
Will all this help Ali in his future life and, indeed, in his current endeavors?

Now how about the exhibitions themselves? They are to be set up as three rounders, each of two minutes duration. Now this should make it easy for Ali, but how can he engender interest in five separate exhibitions if he outclasses Stevenson in the first? Will he clown his way, including those fun knockdowns, to make the exhibitions of interest? What can he do that will not be demeaning to the heavyweight champion of the world that could carry through the interest of the fans for five bouts, I mean exhibitions?

Can you imagine Ali getting caught with a lucky right to the kisser and dropped to the canvas? The referee would then have to halt the fight, I mean exhibition, since no decision can be rendered.

Ali, have one exhibition, if you must, with Stevenson, but don't make a carnival of five separate meetings which can only put a blight on the crown that you have carried royally for most of your two previous reigns.

World heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali goes through a scrap book containing pictures and stories of his entire boxing career. What does 1979 hold in store for "The Greatest?"



WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes sits in a carriage with an unidentified youngster in the French Quarter of New Orleans. Will 1979 see a meeting between Larry and world champ Ali?

1979 CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW

BY JOHN ORT

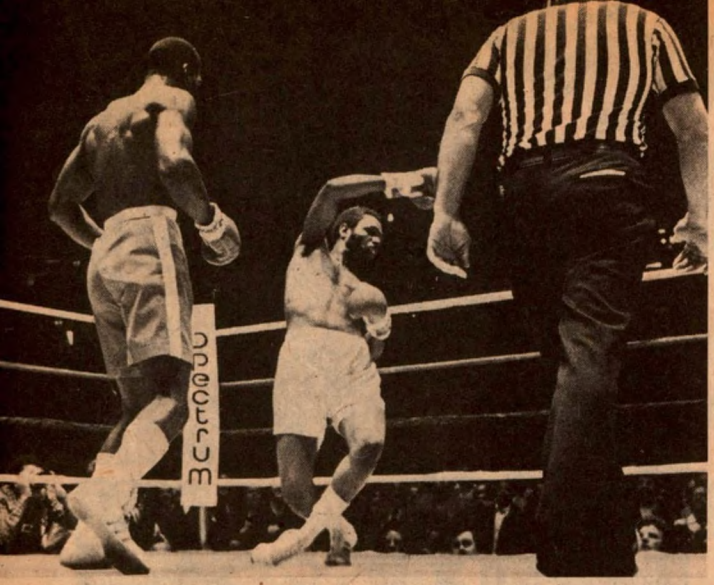
(Above) South Africa's Kallie Knoetze tears into Isaac Hussein. Knoetze may be Ali's next opponent. (Below) Mike Rossman and his handlers are jubilant after the New Jersey bomber stopped Victor Galindez for the WBA light heavyweight title. Will he be forced to fight the likes of Eddie Gregory, Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez, and Matt Franklin?

NOW that Muhammad Ali has regained the heavyweight title for the third time one of the big questions in boxing is whom he will fight next? With more T.V. dates becoming available for boxing the other divisions in boxing will now come into the spotlight. Over the next few pages we will attempt to give some insight as to the men who may get a chance at a world title, WBA or WBC crown, in 1979.

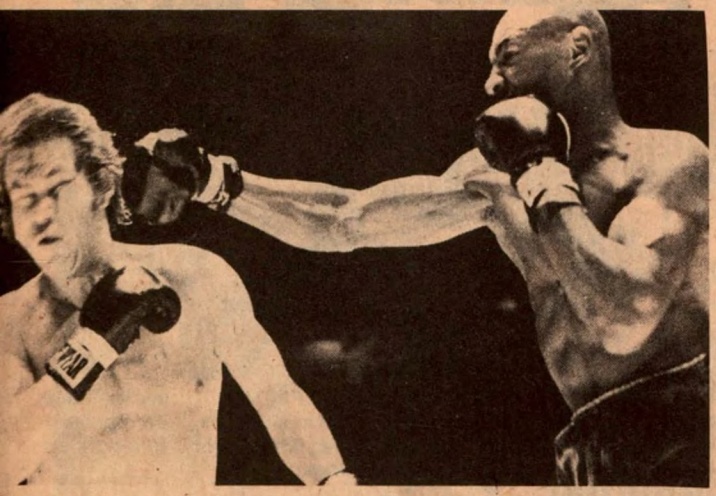
Let's start off with Muhammad Ali's heavyweight crown. At this time, South Africa's Kallie Knoetze has the inside track. He is ranked sixth by the Ring, fourth by the WBA and unranked by the WBC. This year Kallie has scored victories over Duane Bobick, who is on a downward side, Denton Ruddock and G.G. Maldonado.

If Ali were looking for an easier mark there's Bobick, who is getting a build up. Duane's big wins after his loss to Knoetze early this year, are Mike Schutte, Jerry Thompkins and Fernando Montes.

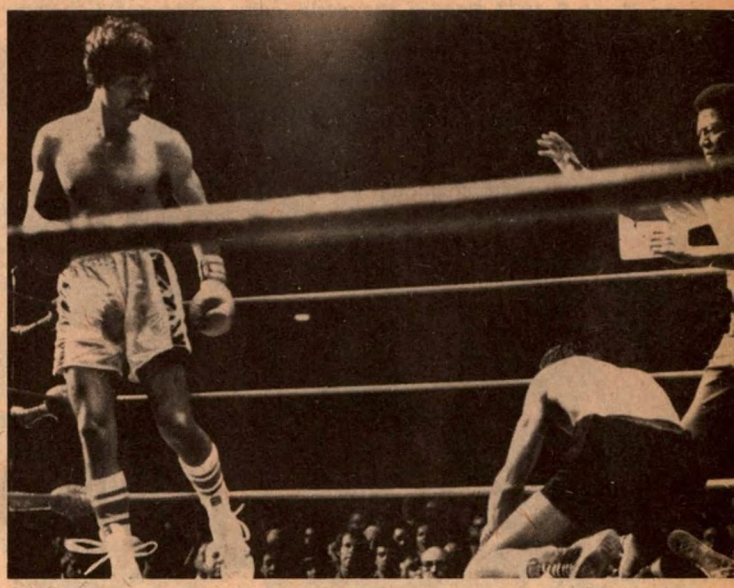
Larry Homes, WBC king is not on Ali's list at this time. Larry



(Left) Matthew Franklin Richie Kates to the canvas at the Spectrum in Philadelphia. Franklin, the North American light heavyweight champion, holds a win over WBC champ Mate Parlov. (Above) Hugo Corro slides a left across the jaw of Rodrigo Valdez en route to winning the world middleweight championship. A rematch between these two is in the works.



"Marvelous" Marvin Hagler hits Kevin Finnegan with a right in their first bout at the Boston Garden on March 4. Hagler won this fight by a TKO in the ninth round and stopped Finnegan again in their rematch two months later.



(Above) Referee John Thomas sends world welterweight champion Carlos Palomino back to his corner after challenger Jose Palacios went down in the thirteenth round. Palacios was counted out. (Below) Jose (Pipino) Cuevas kayoes Miguel Angel Campanino in defense of his WBA welter crown. A meeting between Carlos and Pipino is not likely in the near future.

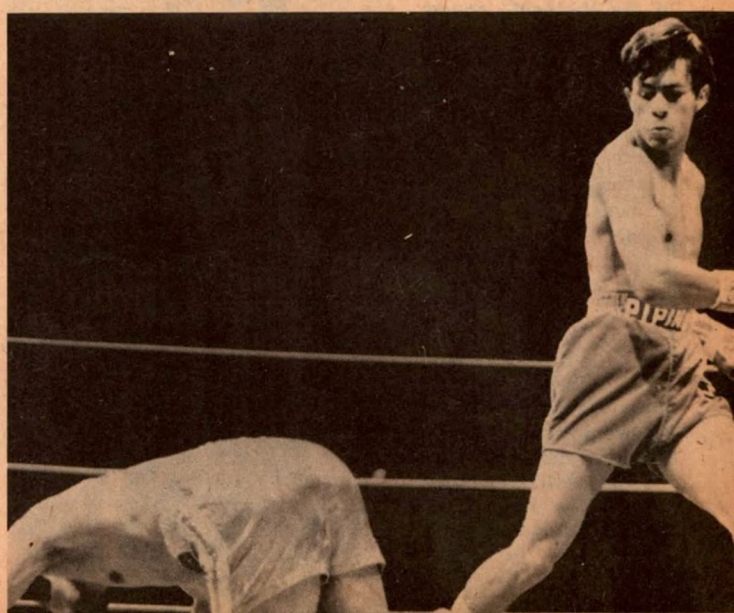
will defend his part of the title against Alfredo Evangelista, Jimmy Young, Ozzie Ocasio and maybe a return with Ken Norton.

Newcomers in the heavyweight division who may get a shot at one of the titles are: South American heavyweight king Domingo D'Elia, John Tate, Knoxville, Tenn., who scored a win over Johnny Boudreaux and Bernard Mercado. Then there's big Leroy Jones, Denver, Colorado, North American Federation heavy champ and Europeans, Lucien Rodriguez, of France, Alfredo Righetti of Italy and Joe Kalala, Ghana.

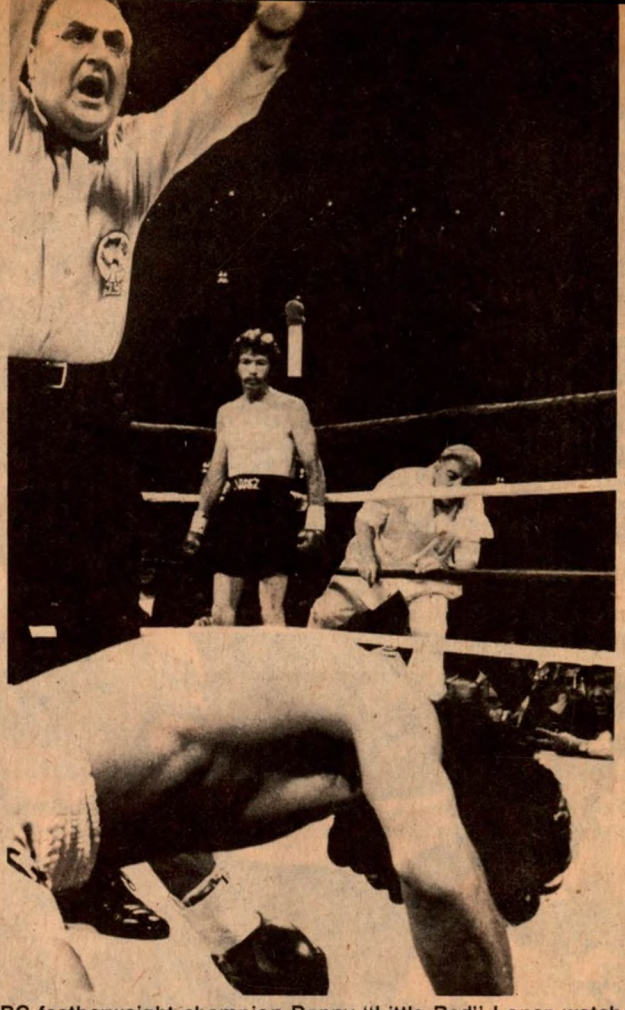
You may ask? What about Mr. Spinks?, well he will be fed a few wins and be ready for the rubber-match with Ali, or a shot at Holmes.

The light heavyweight division's two champions WBA's Mike Rossman and WBC's Mate Parlov will keep active. Parlov will fight Marvin Johnson, ranked sixth by the WBC and WBA, unranked by Ring. Johnson in last two bouts split. Rossman on the other hand may be in for a tough bout if the WBA forces him to box Eddie Gregory, ranked first by the WBA, eighth by the Ring, and third by the WBC. With both champions under the same promoter Top-Rank the two may meet in 1979.

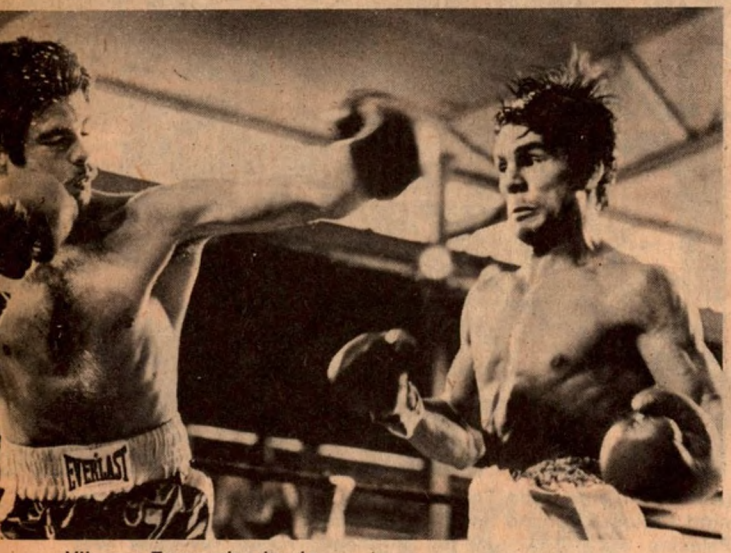
The forgotten man in the light heavyweight division is Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez, the U.S. champion. Lopez kayoed Rossman last March. Parlov may give him a chance but it's an outside chance. Another man in this group is Matt Franklin, North American king, who holds a win and a draw with WBC champ, Parlov, ranked sixth by the Ring, second by the WBC and Second by the WBA.



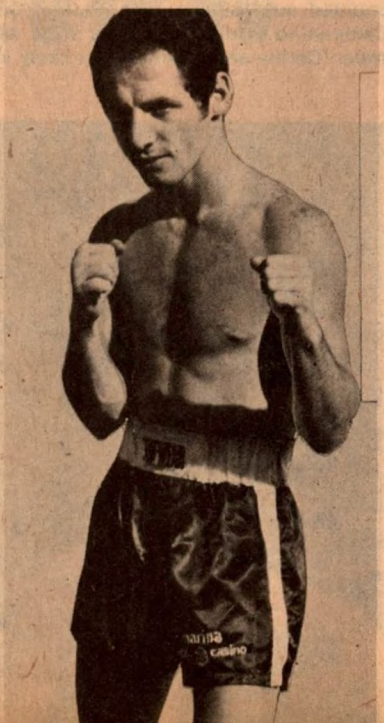
Wilfred Benitez won an eight-round decision over Melvin Dennis on March 6, 1977. Benitez, the world junior welterweight champion, may fight Palomino for the latter's welter crown.



WBC featherweight champion Danny "Little Red" Lopez watches as referee Marcello Bertini counts out challenger Juan Malvarez in the second round of their scheduled fifteen-round title fight on the Carnival of Champions in New Orleans.

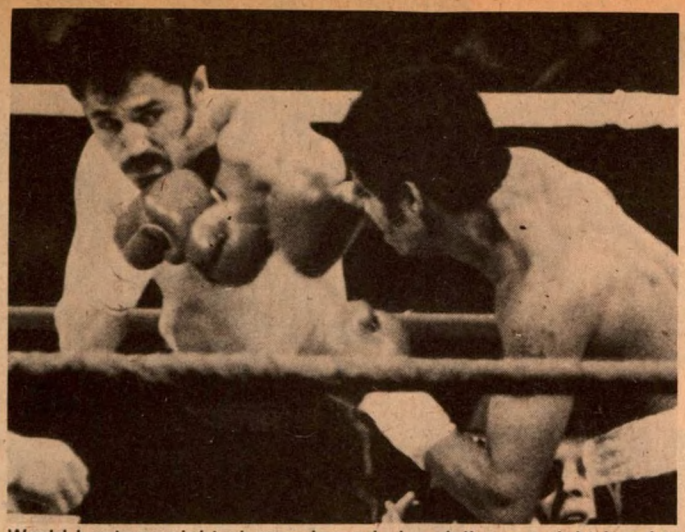


Vilomar Fernandez lands a good left on world lightweight champ Robert Duran. Duran knocked out Fernandez in the thirteenth round. Ex-WBC junior lightweight champ Alfredo Escalera may get the next shot at Duran's title.



U.S. lightweight king Johnny Lira is another lightweight title possibility. Lira scored one of the biggest upsets of 1978 when he kayoed Andrew Ganigan.

Carlos Zarate smiles as he is hugged in the ring by his trainer after retaining his WBC bantam title with an eighth-round knockout of Alberto Davila. Zarate is scheduled to fight WBC super bantamweight champion Wilfredo Gomez.

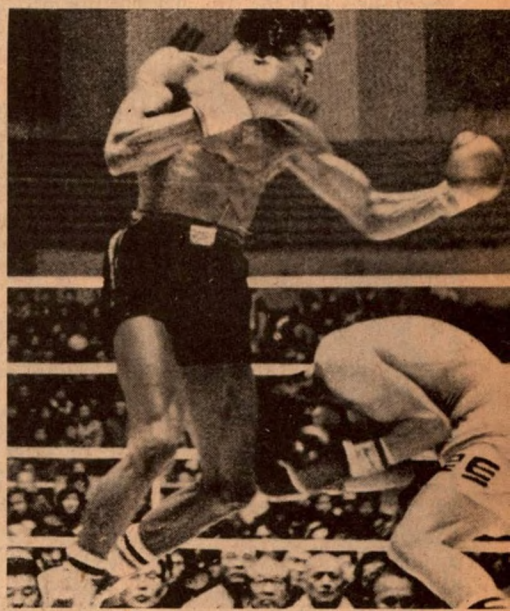


World bantamweight champ Jorge Lujan delivers a right hand to the partially blocked face of challenger Alberto Davila in their fifteen-round bout at the Superdome in New Orleans. Lujan won unanimous decision.

Al Sandoval sends a right to the body of Young Casanova in the ninth round of their ten-round bout. Al won on points. Sandoval may also get a shot at Lujan.

World flyweight champ Miguel Canto smiles as he holds his trophy after winning a unanimous decision over Shoji Oguma in Tokyo.

Current WBA flyweight champion Betulio Gonzalez is shown against Japan's Shojo Oguma over ten rounds on May 20, 1974. Espadas, WBA junior feather king Ricardo Cardona, and Martin Vargas are just three of the men Betulio may face in 1979.



Former WBC super bantamweight champion Yum Dong-Kyun of Korea ducks as he evades a left swing by Colombia's Jose Cervantes during fifth round action of their title bout in Seoul on February 12, 1977.

Outside fighters who may get a T.V. shot at the light heavy champions: Louis Pergaud, WBA number five; Aldo Traversaro, E.B.U. champion; Mustapha Wassaja, Uganda, ranked seventh by the Ring and ninth by the WBA; Frank Lucas, England, ranked tenth by the WBA; ex-champion John Conteh, England, ranked fifty by the Ring, one by the WBC. The WBC also rates Leonardo Rogers, Dominican Republic, ex-champion Miguel Cuello of Argentina and Holland's Rudy Koopmans. Don't be shocked if the name of Mike Spinks, comes up as a match for WBA's Rossman, but it looks like Taversaro very soon.

Hugo Corro, Argentina is everybodys world middleweight champion, but that may not last long. The ring's top three men are.

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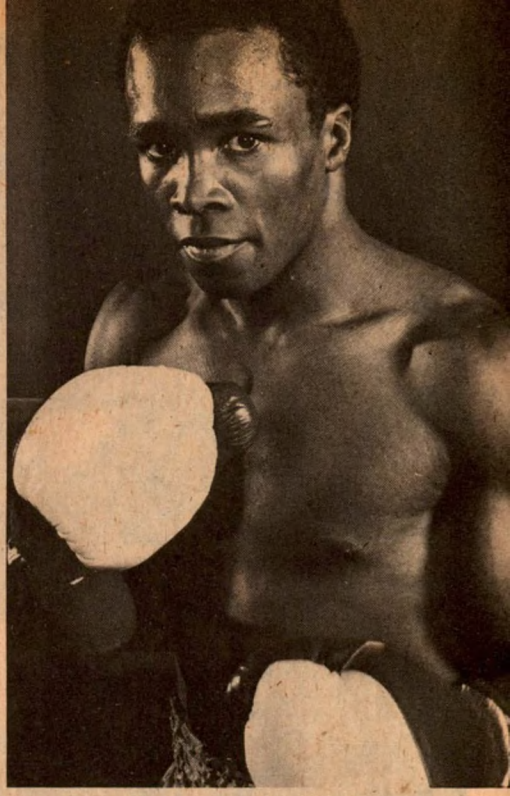
Samuel Serrano lands a hard right to the jaw of Ben Villaflor en route to winning the world junior lightweight title. South Africa's Nkosana Mgxaji, Venezuela's Lionel Hernandez, and Panama's Reynaldo Hidalgo are possible challengers.

SUGAR RAY GOES ON HIS WAY! LEONARD DEFEATS SHIELDS

By ED SCULLEN



Sugar Ray strikes a fighting pose in his amateur days. Leonard is still undefeated as a professional. (Photo by Ron Fine)

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Behind all the publicity and hoopla of top-flight professional boxing, exists a world the public seldom sees, one whose operations are generally regarded as a supreme mystery.

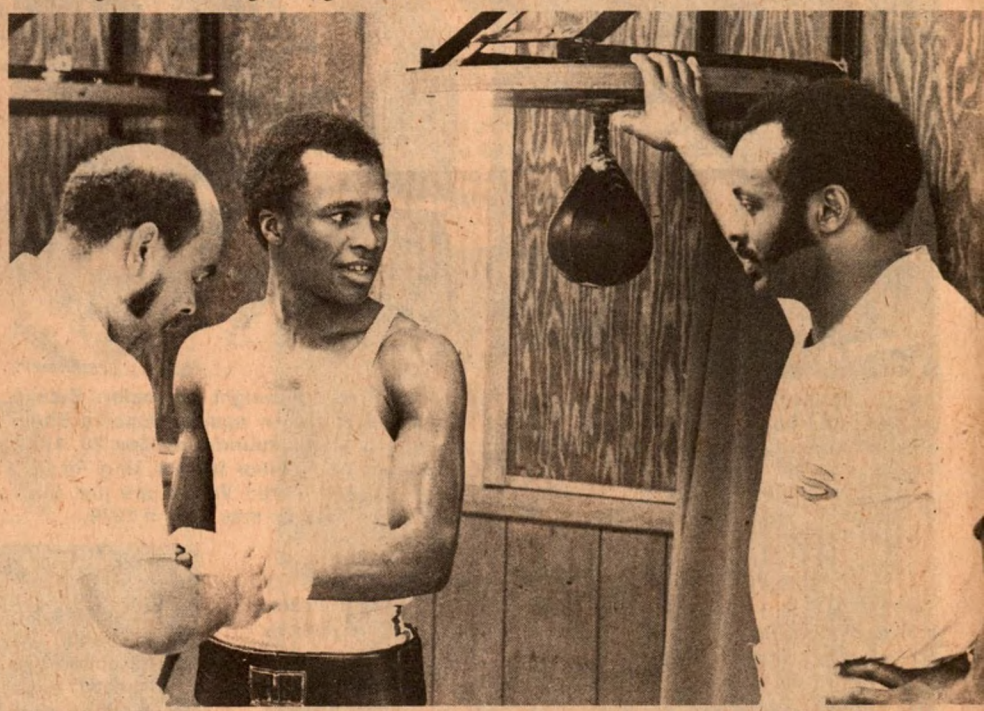
So it goes with the Alis and the Durans, and boxing's lesser lights as well. Recently, *The Ring* investigated the camp of the National Capital Area's hottest welterweight prospect, "Sugar Ray" Leonard of suburban Largo, Md. to throw more light on boxing's "inside" scene.

When *The Ring* arrived at Leonard's Oakcrest Recreation Center headquarters, the 1976 Olympic Gold Medalist had just scored his most important career win on Sept. 9, 1978 when he TKO'd tricky Floyd Mayweather, the No. 5 world welterweight according to *The Ring*, in ten rounds at Providence, R.I. Following the Mayweather bout, the 22-year-old Leonard suddenly found himself in the enviable position of achieving No. 8 ranking among world welterweights by *The Ring*.

On the heels of this good news, however, came the announcement of an important bout . . . "Sugar Ray" Leonard would fight No. 4 welterweight Randy Shields. Ironically, Shields was the last man to defeat Ray as he turned the trick via decision on May 5, 1973 in a National A.A.U. championship lightweight bout.

In personal styles and experience, Leonard and Shields presented striking contrasts. "Sugar Ray" exhibited a classically built, smooth muscled 5' 9½", 147-pound body, had fought 150 amateur bouts (145 wins, five losses, 75 kayos) and was now 14-0 as a professional. Randy Shields, on the other hand, was the archetypal California "Golden Boy"—5' 11" 143 pounds, possessor of blond good looks, 88-4 as an amateur including 67 KO's and boasted an extensive professional record of 31-4-1, which included bouts against such "iron men" as Vicente Saldivar, Pete Ranzany, and most recently, former junior welterweight champion Wilfredo Benitez.

The stage was set for an epic fistic clash between the Olympic Gold Medalist who had literally put his predominantly black neighborhood of Palmer Park, Md. on the map, and Californian Shields.



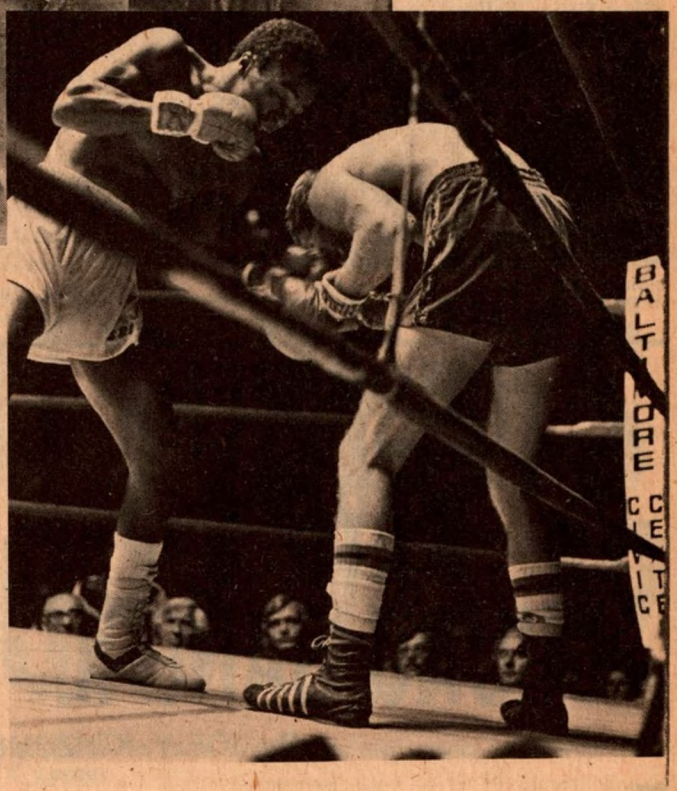
In training at Oakcrest Recreation Center, Ray confers with his friend and bodyguard, Janks Morton while long-time trainer Dave Jacobs adjusts his hand wraps. (Photo by Ron Fine)

SERIOUS training for the Shields fight began on a sunny, warm Monday afternoon, Sept. 25. Except for some light road work, Ray had been out of the gym enjoying a well-earned rest since the Mayweather fight.

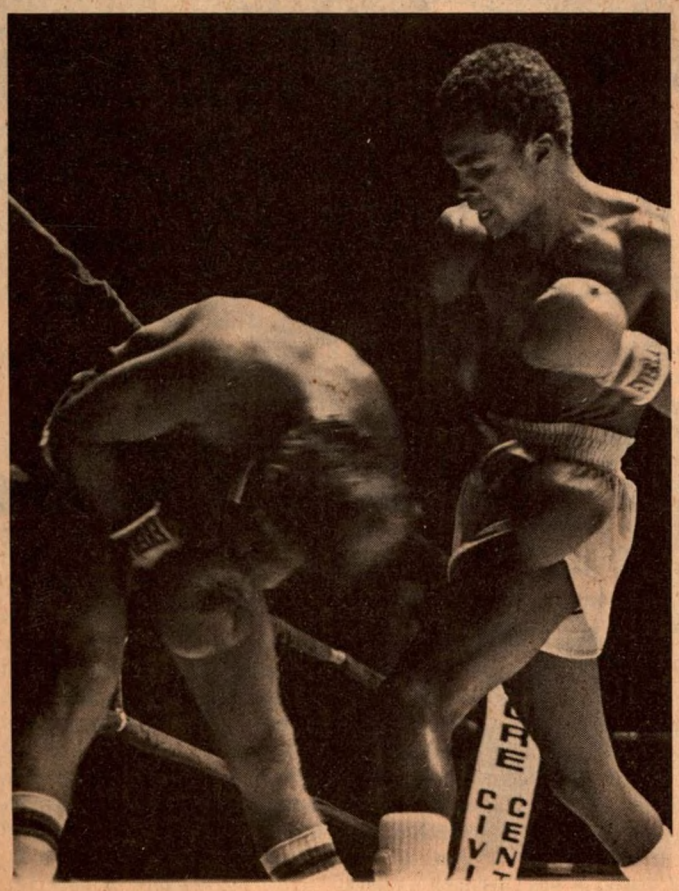
The Oakcrest Gym is run by the local county and is located at 5200 Marlboro Pike, a long ribbon of highway proceeding east out of the District and dotted with fast food restaurants, commercial establishments and residences. The gym itself is located in a large, concrete finished building which was once a popular night club in early post-World War II days. In the last half-dozen years, hundreds of amateurs and several professionals have trained here making it the closest gym in the area to once-famed Stillman's.

A fair crowd of onlookers, friends and handlers are on hand when "Sugar Ray" enters around 12:30 neatly attired in white slacks and a tan bomber jacket. The gym itself is well-lit, shaped in a long L and dominated by a large training ring in the center.

After training, Leonard makes a point of kibitzing with a host of youngsters from the immediate area who have come to meet their hero. (Photo by Ron Fine)



Sugar Ray has Randy Shields near the ropes in their ten-round bout at Baltimore Civic Center. Leonard won a unanimous decision to notch his fifteenth straight professional victory. (Photo by Samuel R. Schnydman)



Leonard lands a right. The action was hot and heavy, especially in the ninth round, when Ray accidentally hit referee Tom Kelly with a left hook. Judge Harry Cecchini filled in for Kelly in the final round. (Photo by Samuel R. Schnydman)

The wood-panelled walls are dotted with old fight posters and speed bag racks.

Soon, Ray is dressed and ready for work, attired in a plain red robe, blue t-shirt and dark blue shorts. Under the watchful eyes of trainer Dave Jacobs, Ray begins with short sessions of situps, knee bends and jumping jacks. Jacobs then wraps his hands using large pieces of sponge to protect the knuckles. Ray performs four rounds of shadowboxing in front of the large full length mirrors located in one corner of the room, and then does an equal stint on the heavy bag. The mood is relaxed as handler Janks Morton and Jacobs crack jokes, but the fighter is intense, finishing each round with a flurry of power punches.

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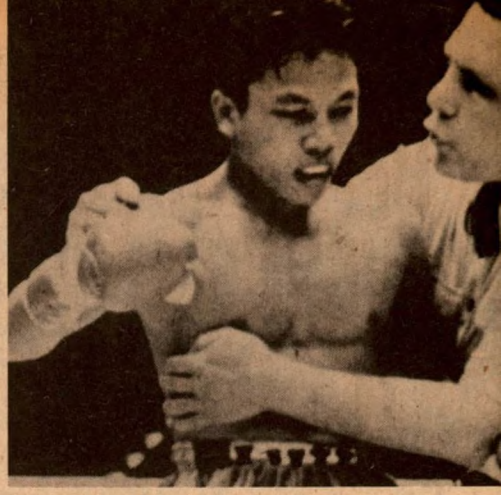
Kim Sung-Jun Wins WBC Jr. Flyweight Title

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI



Netrnoi S. Vorasingh, who lost his WBC junior flyweight crown when he was knocked out in the third round by Korean Kim Sung-Jun.

SEOUL, KOREA — Unheralded Korean Kim Sung-Jun is the new WBC junior flyweight champion. He demolished heavy favorite Netrnoi S. Vorasingh of Thailand in the third session of their fifteen-round title contest before some three thousand spectators at Munhwa Gymnasium in the country's capital, Seoul.

The nineteen-year-old Vorasingh, who had gained the WBC title with a unanimous decision from Mexican Freddie Castillo in fifteen hard-fought rounds in Thailand, suffered a tremendous defeat. The short Thai, at only five feet, went to Caracas to dispose of ex-champ Luis (Lumumba) Estaba in the fifth round after flooring the forty-year-old soldier four times. That was his first defense, two months ago.

After Vorasingh and Kim began to probe each other cautiously, a furious exchange of solid punches occurred in round three.

The defending champ came forward to nail the local favorite to the ropes, sending a fierce barrage of rights and lefts at Kim's face.

Kim looked so helpless that people thought the end would come soon. However, the Korean tiger suddenly fought back and had the champ reeling against the ropes. Kim tossed a flurry of rights and lefts at Vorasingh's face and body. Aggressively cornering the Thai for awhile, Kim exploded a strong right uppercut at his opponent's chin. Down went the champ. The effect of the punch was such that Vorasingh could not get off the canvas even after the third man had tolled the fatal ten.

Kim's quick knockout was a really unexpected result, especially for Vorasingh's corner, which had taken Kim rather lightly.

Kim Sung-Jun is the former OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) champ who was dethroned by ex-titlist and countryman Chung Sang-Il in a twelve-rounder on July 9.

It was on January 29 of this year that Kim won the OPBF title by eking out a split decision over Chung in Seoul. Kim's record was then sixteen wins against no less than five defeats and three draws.

Last year, in Tokyo, the Korean fighter dropped ex-WBC flyweight leader Shoji Oguma but was outpunched and lost a ten-round decision on February 15. His next showing was less impressive, he kept on the defensive against Japan's junior flyweight champ, Kazunori Tenryu, dropping another unanimous verdict in ten frames on April 19.

After Kim took the OPBF laurels, he selected Tenryu as a challenger for his first

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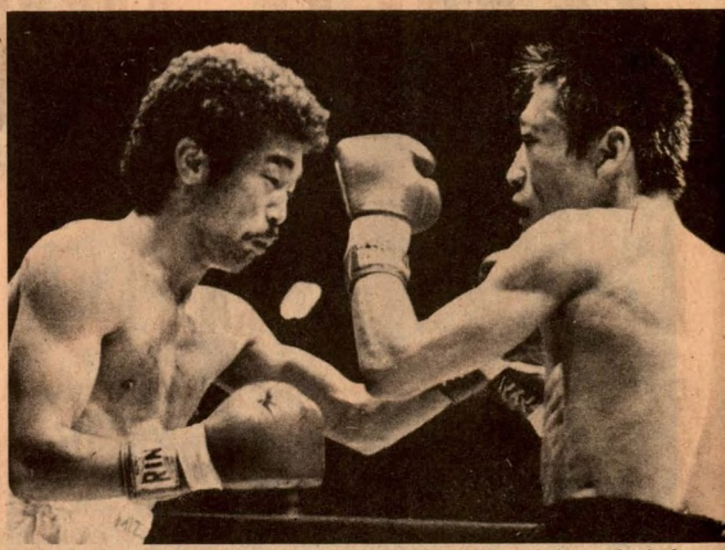
GUSHIKEN KAYOES CHUNG SANG-IL

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI



WBA junior flyweight champion Yoko Gushiken, left, and challenger Chung Sang-Il of Korea exchange blows in the fourth round of their scheduled fifteen-round title bout in Tokyo. Gushiken stopped Chung at twenty-two seconds of the fifth.

TOKYO, JAPAN — Unbeaten lefthander Japanese Yoko Gushiken battered Chung Sang-Il, Korea, and stopped the taller challenger in the fifth session of a scheduled fifteen-round bout before a capacity crowd of 12,000 fans at Kuramae Sumo (National Wrestling) Arena.

Gushiken registered the sixth defense of his WBA junior flyweight title since he dethroned Juan Guzman of Dominican Republic via the seventh-round kayo route in October two years ago.

Chung, standing one inch taller at 5'5" is the current OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) champion. However, his less impressive record of 10-2-1 with only two KOs had made people expect Gushiken's easy victory.

In an opening session, the defending champ led with sharp right jabs. He chased Chung, who used his peekaboo style.

The mustached lefty Gushiken's aggressive attack never caused the tide to turn thereafter.

The second session saw Sang-Il, an upright right-hander, backpedaling all the way due to Gushiken's fast combinations. As the theory against a southpaw tells, Chung attempted to score with several right shots to go inside on the much sharper champion. In comparison with Gushiken's relentless combos, only a single right caught the face of the busy lefty. The round was taken by the champ by a slight margin.

In round three, Gushiken showed his sharpness in giving him a barrage of punches at the face and body to nail the Korean import against the ropes repeatedly. Then the champ's left hand punch instantly brought a flow of blood from Chung's left eyebrow. Clearly, it was Gushiken's round.

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SCOTT FRANK BEATS CHUCK WEPNER FOR N.J. CROWN

(Above) Wepner takes a left to the chin. Frank hit the "Bayonne Bleeder" almost at will. (Below) Scott has Chuck on the verge of a knockout in the eighth round. Frank's victory gained him the New Jersey heavyweight title.

Story & Photos by STEVEN C. LOSCH

TOTOWA, N.J. — It was a fight that Charles Darwin would have loved: a brutal exhibition of the survival of the fittest. At "Ice World," in Totowa, New Jersey, a young, strong animal named Scott Frank devoured an old, tired animal named Chuck Wepner. It was an ugly thing to witness, except that both men displayed that uniquely human attribute called courage.

The twelve-round bout drew a record-breaking, sellout crowd of over three thousand for promoter Lou Duva, who has emerged as the number one club boxing entrepreneur in New Jersey. At stake was the New Jersey heavyweight championship that Wepner had held since 1964, except for a brief period when Randy Neumann wore the state crown. Chuck last defended his Garden State title four years ago. With his skill and stamina rapidly declining, several good young Jersey heavyweights were eager for a chance to fight Wepner. The opportunity was given to Scott Frank of Oakland, a

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JAMES SCOTT BEATS EDDIE GREGORY IN 12

By STEVEN C. LOSCH

Trainer Chickie Ferrara administers to Eddie Gregory between rounds at Rahway State Prison. (Photo by Steven C. Losch)

RAHWAY, N.J. — Could it be that twenty years ago, a young black boy named Eddie Gregory, who lived in the Brownsville ghetto, used to watch the television series *The Millionaire*, and dream of the day when he could give away a fortune to a deserving stranger? This reporter can think of no better explanation for Gregory's dismal, losing effort against Rahway prison inmate James Scott. The twelve-round main event headed up a four bout card, promoted by Murad Muhammad, staged within the walls of the penitentiary where James Scott presently resides. The fight was broadcast by the Home Box Office cable television network, and for

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"LITTLE RED" BY DISQUALIFICATION

By ALPHONSO ZEPPI

PESARO, ITALY — Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif., retained his WBC featherweight title when he was awarded a fourth round victory over Fel Clemente of the Philippines.

Clemente, ranked thirteenth in the September WBC ratings and a loser his last time out to Francisco Flores in Stockton, Calif. via twelve-round decision, for the California state feather title, looked good for the first three rounds. Some people even had him ahead when the bout was ended.

The bout was stopped at 2:15 of the fourth round, when both fighters were injured about the eyes and the judges ruled that Clemente had butted the champion with his head.

Referee Gujelmo Ajor of Mexico stopped the bout and let both boxers receive medical treatment. The judges and referee counted up their score cards and declared Clemente the loser on a disqualification. Lopez was leading by one point at the time.

The fight itself was close for the first three rounds with Clemente having a little edge. In the fourth round, Danny caught Fel with a looping right on the left tye which caused the eye to swell shut.

While holding Lopez off, Fel charged back with his head. When the two parted, Danny came away with a cut over his right eye and blood flowing down his face.

After the contest, Clemente's people stated that they were going to get a return go. The win gave Danny a 37-3 mark. Clemente's record, according to the promoters is now 39-8-1.

Lopez's next outing is on the Rossman-Traversaro WBA light-heavyweight championship card in Philadelphia, if the cut eye is healed in time. Roberto Castanon, Spain, the EBU champion, was next in line for a title shot. Also mentioned is the winner of the WBC super bantamweight title bout between Wilfredo Gomez and Carlos Zarate.

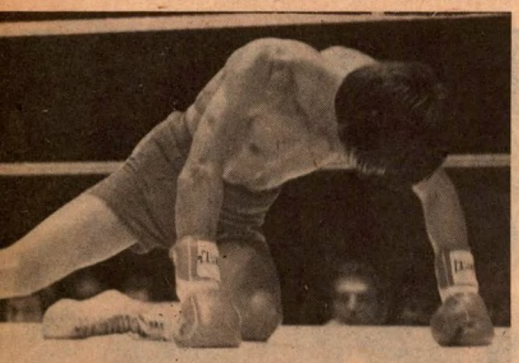
Top Rank, who are the promoters of his title fights, would also like to match Danny against the WBA champion, Panama's Eusebio Pedroza, to clear the featherweight title picture and come up with one champion. *The Ring* magazine's title is vacant.

Danny "Little Red" Lopez, who retained his WBC featherweight title with a fourth round disqualification over Fel Clemente in Pesaro, Italy.

LUPE PINTOR KAYOES ROGER BUCHELI IN TWO

By H. MICHAEL LOCKWOOD
Photos By A. MARTINEZ

HOUSTON, TEXAS — World class bantamweight Lupe Pintor returned to Houston and spent relatively little effort in knocking out late substitute Roger Bucheli, Ecuador, in the second round. A mask of confusion seemed to be the order of the evening as Bucheli's handlers claimed their man was to fight Salvador Sanchez, and had no idea Pintor would step through the ropes in the night's finale.



Roger Bucheli is down for the count in the second round of his scheduled ten-rounder with Lupe Pintor in Sam Houston Coliseum, Houston, Texas.

Bucheli, 123, brought an impressive 36-3 record into the ring and had never been stopped. Fighting mainly in Central America, Bucheli was among the top thirty bantamweights in the world and appeared to be a worthy opponent for Pintor. The reluctant Bucheli was floored by a hard left hook to the jaw near the end of round one. The bell saved him from a first round KO. Bucheli wanted no part of Pintor, and it was only a matter of seconds when the little Ecuadorian went down for good in the second, as a sizeable entourage of Bucheli's countrymen, who came to see their reputed warrior, chanted vigorously to the end, but left disappointed. Given proper notice, Bucheli might have given a better account of himself. Both fighters came in over the bantam limit. Pintor notched win #28 against 4 losses. Chris Jordan was the referee.

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(Above) Lupe Pintor, world ranked bantamweight. Andres Torres, Tony Rocha, and Baby Kid Chocolate are among his kayo victims. (Below) Pintor, left, and Bucheli, right, mix it up in the first round.

LEROY JONES OUTPOINTS MIKE WEAVER FOR NABF HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

LAS VEGAS, Nevada—Leroy Jones, the mammoth heavyweight from Denver, Colorado, outpointed lighter, speedier Mike Weaver of Los Angeles, to win the heavyweight championship of the North American Boxing Federation.

The NABF title bout took place at Las Vegas' Sahara Hotel. It was the main event of a three-bout card promoted by the hotel and local promoter Tony Trudnich.

Jones, weighing 270 pounds, managed a unanimous twelve-round decision over the 204-pound Weaver.

Both fighters were cautious in the early rounds—but Jones appeared to be in command. Jones began an attack to Weaver's body in the fourth round—and continued the attack throughout the middle rounds.

Leroy Jones is acclaimed new North American Boxing Federation heavyweight champion after winning a unanimous twelve-round decision over Mike Weaver at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas.

Jones landed a low blow in the fifth round, hitting Weaver on the cup. The fight was temporarily stopped by referee Ferd Hernandez and a warning was given to Jones.

Weaver began his own assault in the later rounds; and repaid Jones with a low blow in the ninth. (Neither fighter was penalized in points for the low blows).

Weaver had the edge in the tenth and eleventh rounds—as he drove Jones to the corner, knocked out his mouthpiece—and landed several fierce combinations.

The Weaver attack continued in the eleventh—with constant pounding to Jones' head and mid-section. However, the gigantic Leroy did not appear to be hurt by the excessive pummeling. *(Continued on page 53)*

PATRICK FORD STOPS ALCALA

By KHEMRAJ SINGH

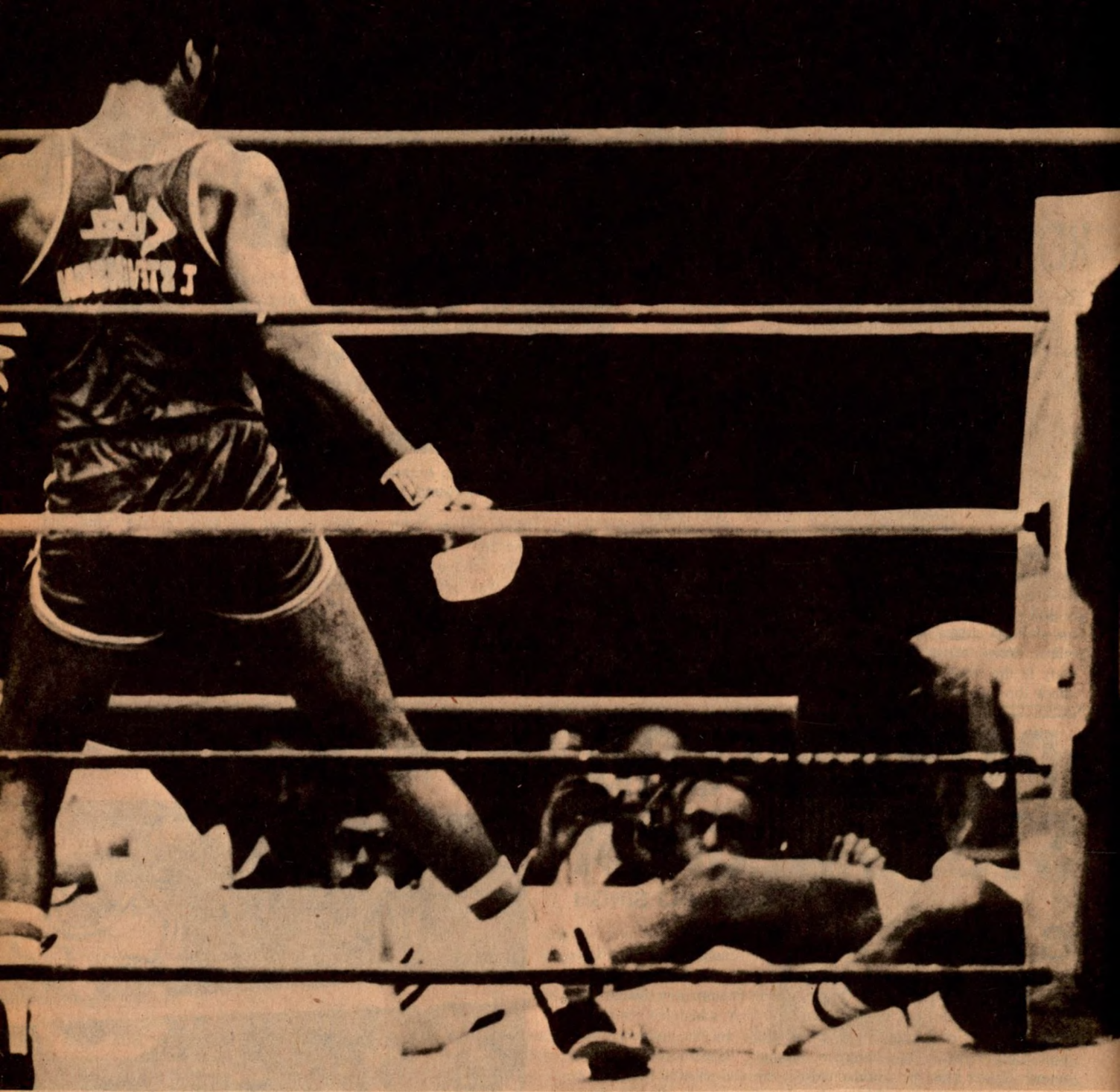
GEORGETOWN, GUYANA — An estimated crowd of two thousand boxing fans saw local idol Patrick Ford, Guyana's featherweight champion, hammer highly rated Panamanian Diego Alcala, knocking him out in round nine of their scheduled ten-round contest. Ford, who came in as a substitute for the injured Commonwealth lightweight champion, Lennox Blackmoore, was six pounds lighter than the world rated Alcala, and showed that he was a mature fighter in only his sixth professional fight. So far, he is unbeaten. It was a good fight, with Alcala holding the edge up to about round five, when Ford began to be the aggressor with his stinging jabs and heavy body blows.

Alcala had Ford in trouble early in the sixth round, but because of the punishment he took in the fifth round, failed to follow up. This was also the case in the eighth round, when, for a brief moment, it appeared that Ford had lost his rhythm.

In the ninth round, both boxers came out cautiously, with Alcala being the aggressor. However, midway in the round, a terrific left to the body sent Alcala stretched out on his back and it took about a minute before he could come to himself.

There were three supporting bouts on the card: Compton Callender, 144½, kayoed George Smith, 141½, three; Ivor Simmons, 153, won a unanimous decision over Terrence Clark, 156½, six; Roy Smith, 134, won a unanimous decision over Compton Canzius, 134, eight.

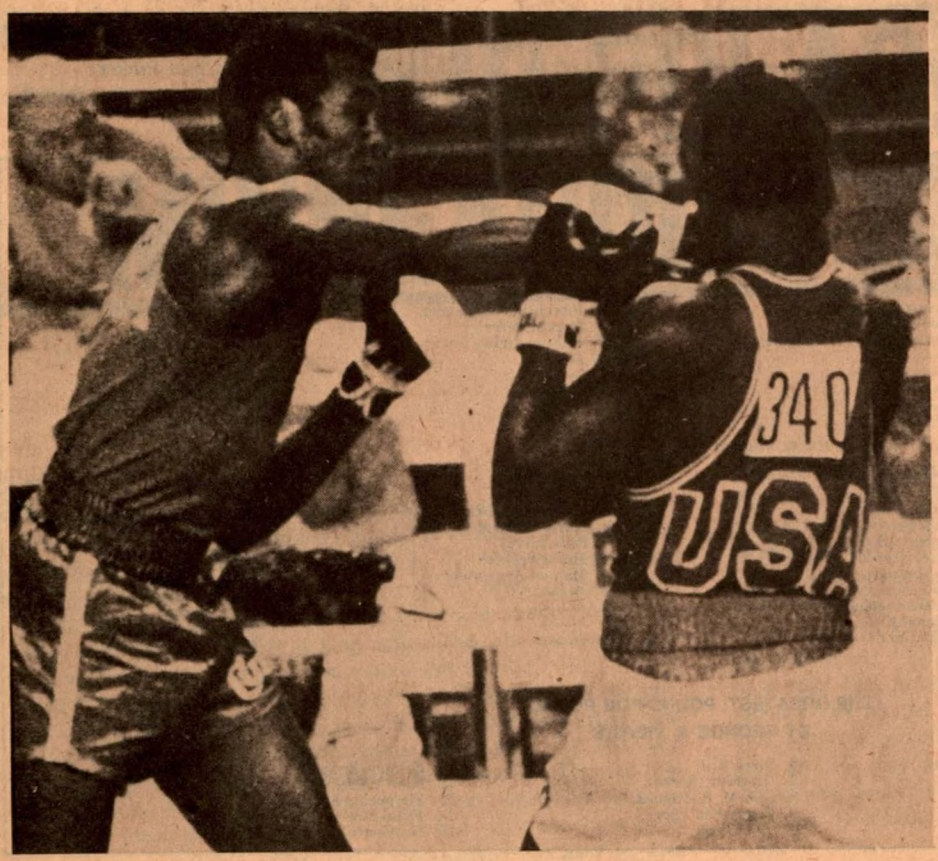
Referee Cecil Henry counts Diego Alcala out in the ninth round of his scheduled ten-rounder with Patrick Ford, featherweight champion of Guyana. A left hook to the body did the trick.



Two-time Olympic heavyweight champion Teofilio Stevenson stands over Jimmy Clark of Philadelphia after flooring him in the third round of their amateur bout in Madison Square Garden. Clark got up but met another right hand and referee Bob Surkein stopped the bout.

HOW GOOD IS TEO-FILIO STEVENSON?

(Above) Stevenson gives Duane Bobick a Cuban flag after stopping him in the third round in the 1972 Olympic quarterfinals in Munich. (Below) Teofilio connects with a hard right to the face of John Tate in their 1976 Olympic semi-final bout in Montreal. Teo stopped John in the first.



By JOHN ORT

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK CITY — World amateur heavyweight king, "Teo" Stevenson, of Cuba, the two-time Olympic heavyweight champion (1972 and 1976), looked just like what he is—an amateur. Teo was the star of a U.S.A. vs. Cuba amateur boxing card held at the Garden before some eight thousand fans, mostly Cuban exiles, who paid over $113,000 to see Cuba win the match, 8-3.

Let's get to Stevenson first.

He was behind on points going into round three. The two Cuban officials at ringside scoring the contest, had it 2-0 Teo. The third official was American referee Bob Sarkein, so no way American Jimmy Clark of West Chester, Pa., could win. Lucky for the Garden that Teo landed his only two punches of the fight in round three. He scored with a good left-right combo which put Clark on the deck. Jimmy got up and looked up at the clock to see how much time was left in the round, and was again tagged by Stevenson. Referee Surkein stopped the bout, giving Stevenson a third round TKO victory.

Stevenson's fight at the Garden was to showcase him for American TV. Top Rank promoter Bob Arum has lined up a five bout series for the Cuban government, matching Teo with world heavyweight king, Muhammad Ali, in exhibitions, so Stevenson could still box in the 1980 Olympics.

How would Teo do against Ali? Not well, if the champion came to fight. Stevenson is big and slow—a stand-up fighter with no moves at all. He looked better in the 1972 Olympics kayoing the U.S.A.'s Duane Bobick, than in his bout with Clark.

The famous left jab of his early years was nowhere to be found. Clark tagged him with left jabs and overhand rights to the head at will. If Jimmy could bang, he would be fighting Ali, not Stevenson. Teofilio would have a tough time getting by any good six-round boxer, much less a world champion. He is smart to stay in the amateurs because he is just a three-round boxer. If he had to go more than three, he would be in a lot of trouble. To put it in a nutshell, "A Pete Rademacher, he's not." For those of you who don't remember Pete, he was the 1956 Olympic heavyweight champion at Melbourne, Australia, who boxed Floyd Patterson on Aug. 22, 1957 for the world heavyweight title at Seattle, Wash. In his first pro fight, Pete was kayoed in the sixth, but he had the champion on the deck.

A big following Teo Stevenson doesn't have. The Garden felt that this U.S.A. vs. Cuba would sell out the place. The only trouble with the anti-Castro group happened the night before, with a bomb being detonated outside the Garden in a sporting goods store. No one was hurt. A group called the "Omega Seven" called the Associated Press taking credit for the bombing in protesting

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GEORGE VIEITES: FRIEND OF CUBAN BOXING

By NAT LOUBET

George A. Vieites, secretary of the then Cuban Boxing Commission, and Selsso Tiborros, Mexico City's leading boxing writer. Vieites and Tiborros were correspondents for The Ring.

OLD friends are pure gold and word from George Vieites of Coral Gables, Florida, who wrote the "Boxing in Cuba" column for this magazine until Fidel Castro came into power, was very special. It made the day brighter knowing George was safe and well after years of silence because of the political change in Cuba.

George was more than a correspondent. He was Secretary of the then Cuban Boxing Commission and was a member of the National Boxing Association Rating Committee through the years of what many refer to as the "Golden Era" of boxing. Cuba had its own Citadel of Clout with boxers like Kid Chocolate and Kid Gavilan blazing their way to championships in electrifying ring performances.

Aside from his thorough knowledge of boxing, George proved a true friend as he shared in a personal tragedy in our family which will always be remembered by all of us. The late Nat Fleischer, founder of this publication, was attending an NBA meeting in Havana in 1949 when his wife, Trudy, was suddenly stricken and rushed to the Anglo-American Hospital where, unfortunately, she passed away.

It was George and Pedro Mendjeta, then vice-president of the Cuba Boxing Commission, who remained by Nat's side through the hours of agony that come with waiting before a death. They consoled and comforted Nat until he departed by plane. For this act of kindness, our family will always be grateful.

Vieites updated us on his movements during the span of silence. He has been living in Miami, Florida, since April 29, 1961. He drove a taxicab on the Beach, delivered catered foods for awhile, and had numerous other jobs. Finally, on January 23, 1963, he started working on passenger cruise ships as Chief Purser.

He retired from that post and is currently a successful Ship Bro-

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ALL-TIME RANKINGS OF PROFESSIONAL CUBAN BOXERS
BY GEORGE A. VIEITES

Heavyweights
1. Nino Valdes
2. Omelio Agramonte
3. Julio Mederos
4. Goyito Rico
5. Santiago Esparraguera
6. Kid Cardenas
7. Antolin Fierro
8. ———
9. ———
10. ———

Light Heavyweights
1. Young Herrera
2. Mario Raul Ochoa
3. Roleaux Saguero
4. Lino Armenteros
5. Christobal (Yova) Marquez
6. ———
7. ———
8. ———
9. ———
10. ———

Middleweights
1. Kid Tunero
2. Kid Charol
3. Florentino Fernandez
4. Martin Perez
5. Andres (Indio) Gomez
6. ———
7. ———
8. ———
9. ———
10. ———

Welterweights
1. Kid Gavilan
2. Jose Napoles
3. Luis Manuel Rodriguez
4. Benny Kid Paret
5. Rafael Joe Legon
6. Relampago Saguero
7. Isaac Logart
8. Jose Stable
9. Jesus Chico Varona
10. Baby Coullimber

Lightweights
1. Kid Chocolate
2. Orlando Zulueta
3. Cirilin Olano
4. Honey Boy Finnegan
5. Douglas Vaillant
6. Santiago Sosa
7. Rafael Lastre
8. Joaquin Torregrosa
9. Joe Pedroso
10. Joe Coego

Featherweights
1. Kid Chocolate
2. Ultiminio Ramos
3. Jose Legra
4. Humberto Sierra
5. Miguel Acevedo
6. Ciro Morasen
7. Fillo Echeverria
8. Conrado Conde
9. Nacional Kid
10. Puppy Garcia

Bantamweights
1. Luis Galvani
2. Lorenzo Safora
3. Mario Chico Morales
4. Billy Lima
5. Mario Pacheco
6. Manuel Armenteros
7. ———
8. ———
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Flyweights
1. Black Bill
2. Humberto Espinosa
3. Black Pico
4. Armando Puentes Pi
5. Oscarito Suarez
6. Rafaelito Valdes
7. Hiram Bacallao
8. Juan Arango
9. Amadito Mir
10. Relampago Spirituano

THE GREATEST: POUND-FOR-POUND
BY GEORGE A. VIEITES

1. Kid Chocolate
2. Kid Gavilan
3. Jose Napoles
4. Kid Tunero
5. Kid Charol
6. Black Bill
7. Ultiminio Ramos
8. Luis M. Rodriguez
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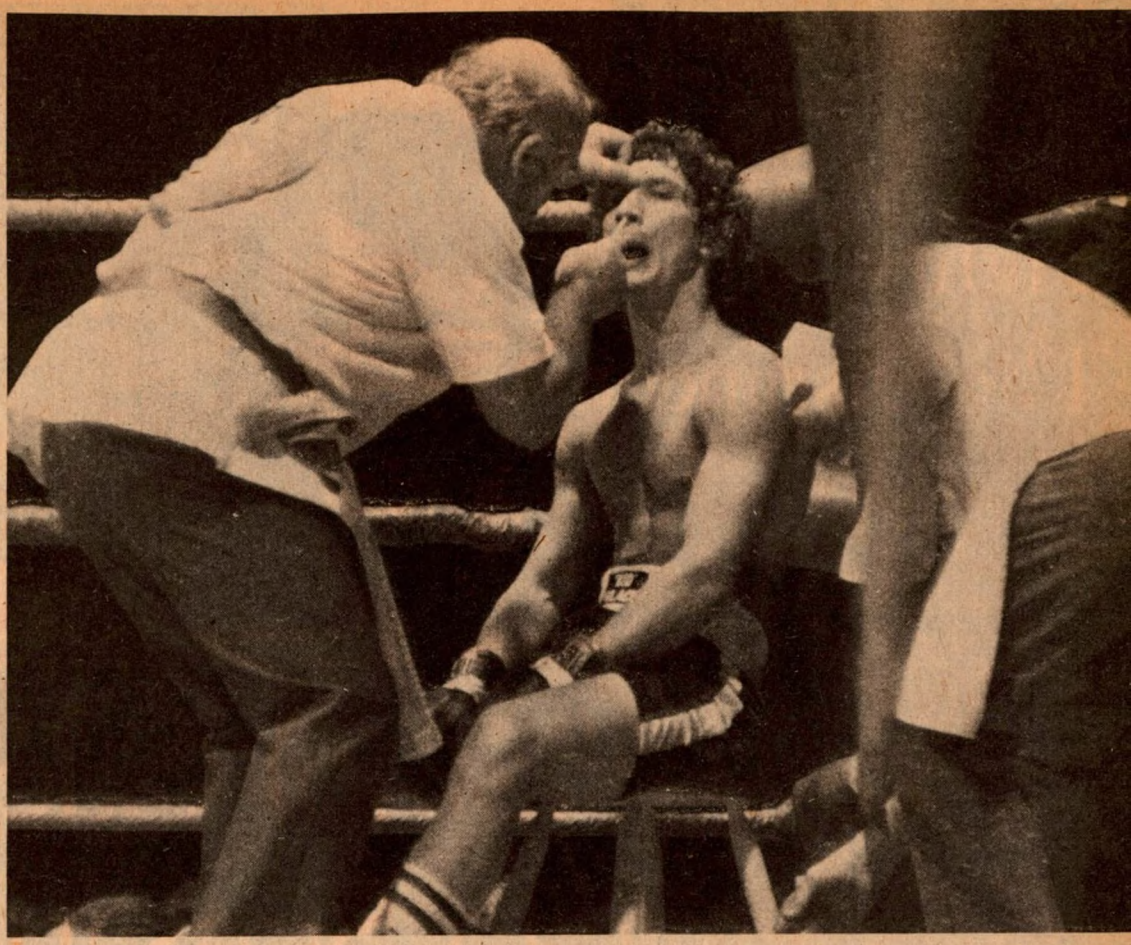


"Papa Joe" Daszkiewicz administers to Kid Polack between rounds. Polack, a junior middleweight, is undefeated in seven professional bouts.

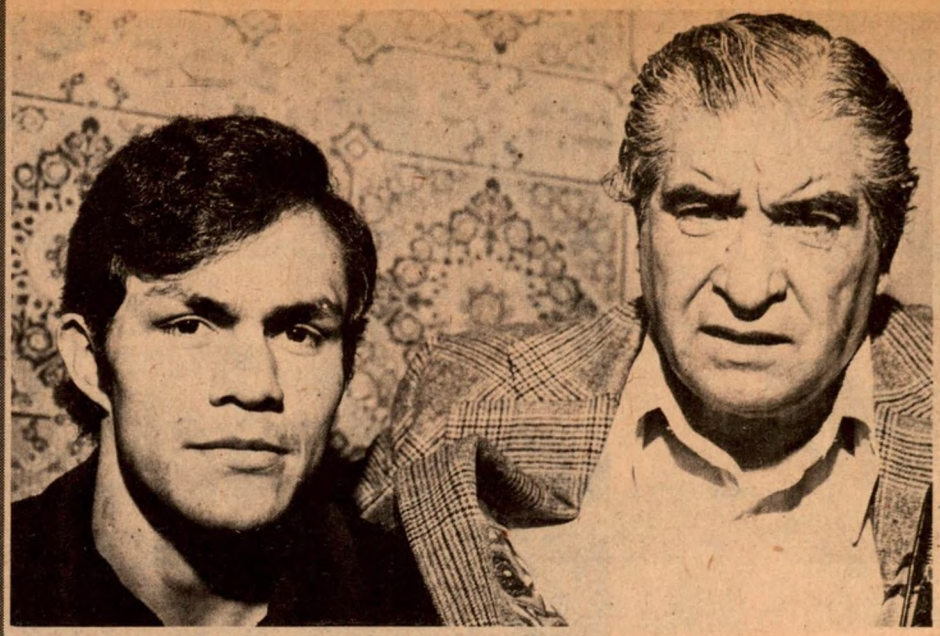
KID POLACK: MINNEAPOLIS MAULER

KID Polack, the twenty-one-year old junior middleweight who is undefeated in seven professional fights is destined to become a main-eventer in the Minnesota area before the 1978 boxing season is over with. His style, which borders on the brink of cockiness, has the fight crowd split. His legion of school chums from high school and college cheer his boxing antics while the hard core boxing fans "boo" the youngster when he taunts his foe.

Kid Polack, since the age of fourteen, has sparred with the professionals in his father's stable (to name a few —Rafael, Rudy and Bobby Rodriguez, Pat O'Conners, Doug Demmings, yes and even Scott LeDoux, when Scott needed to work for speed.) This put him in good stem for the professional game but ruined his amateur career and after numerous suspensions by the amateur directors in Minnesota, his father, "Papa Joe" Daszkiewicz decided to turn him professional at age nineteen rather than curtail the spirited youngster. The handsome, choirboy-looking youngster with the full head of uniperm curls and a body with muscular strength is no one to toy with. His "eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth" philosophy has even made old pros cringe from working out with him.

His pattern remark to reporters who scold him for his antics is "All that is said in the record is that I won —nothing about how I won —and I'm going to be a winner no matter what I have to do." He continues: "I help elderly people cross busy intersections. I help little kids tie their shoes. I go to church almost daily and I'm good to my mother and father, brothers and sisters (ten in number) and people in general, but when that bell rings it's me or the other guy and no way am I going to let the other guy take away my bread and butter. People come to see winners —whether they boo them or cheer them, and I aim to stay a winner no matter what the cost."

He's Won His Last Eight Fights Inside The Distance



Pipino Cuevas and his manager, Guadalupe (Lupe) Sanchez.

Jose (Pipino) Cuevas: Mexican Sensation!

By EDUARDO AMER G.

IT'S been many a long day since the welterweight division produced a champion of such colorful prowess as to become an object of hero worship by fight fans. I mean someone with the box office magnetism of Jose (Pipino) Cuevas, one of the most exciting fighters today.

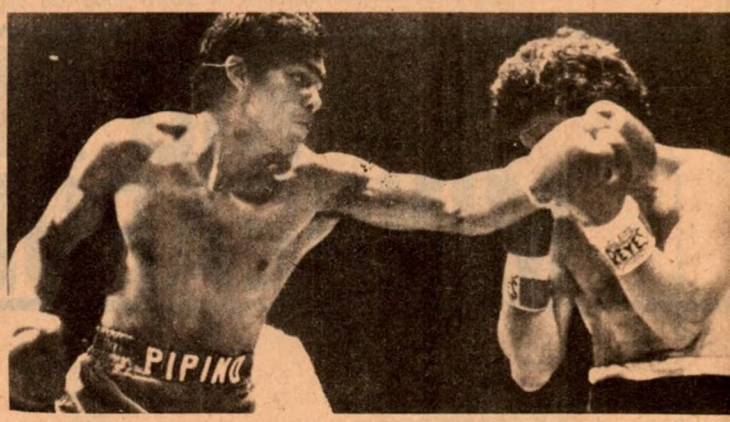
The WBA world welterweight king was born in Hidalgo State on December 27, 1957, but his family moved to Mexico City when he was a year old and Pipino has lived there ever since.

"Now," says Pipino, proudly, "I am the principal support of my family. I have four butcher shops and hope to buy some more."

Why is the young Mexican an idol to his countrymen and California fans? Well, chiefly because scientific boxing has no place in that area. Cuevas is not a Fancy Dan, or even a bobbing and weaving counterpuncher. The Aztec boy is a thunderous banger whose haymakers have often been compared to forked lightning and the atomic bomb. His vicious, slashing manner of milling has evoked comparison with the great Rocky Graziano.

But Pipino is exactly the opposite of Graziano when it comes to overall temperament. The Italian was the kind of fellow who liked crowds, boisterous fun, and the East Side crowd. Cuevas, on the other hand, is a devout Catholic and a very serious kid. Outside the ring, Pipino is a modest, phlegmatic, uncommunicative citizen.

"I would like to be as good as "Mantequilla" Napoles used to be in the welterweight class. And, if it is possible, I would like to be better. The Cuban was, for me, the craftiest boxer in his class," says Cuevas.



(Above) Pipino grazes Billy Backus with a left. Cuevas stopped his man at the end of round one. (Below) Cuevas trades blows with Angel Espada.

(Left) Espada ducks a Cuevas right in their rematch, but Pipino went on to retain his WBA world welter title with a twelfth round TKO. (Right) His face a bloody mess, Espada collapsed after the referee announced that he was stopping the fight at the start of the twelfth round.

The longest battle in which Pipino has participated came when he knocked out Angel Espada in the twelfth round of a return bout. In his first meeting with Espada, Cuevas had become WBA world champion by knocking out the Puerto Rican in only two rounds.

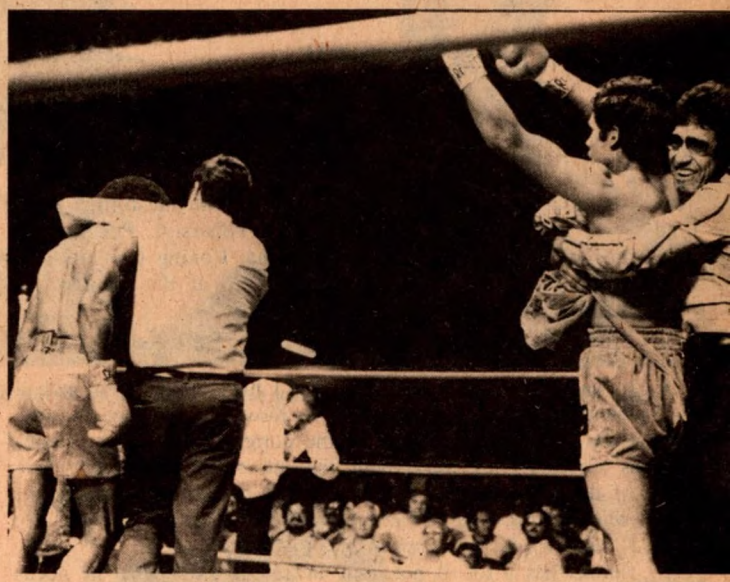
Some people think that Cuevas may have a difficult time when he faces a more experienced fighter, one who could keep circling and slip his punches.

Pipino's manager, Guadalupe "Lupe" Sanchez Mejia, differs with this opinion. "Oh, this kid packs a terrific punch. He can blast his foes into submission with just one blow. My boy is going to reign for a long time because he does not drink, smoke, or go to night clubs. He is always in the gym learning more and more. Man, he's dynamite!"

Who would be the winner in a bout between Carlos Palomino and Cuevas? Sanchez answered: "I'm very sure that my boy would be the only winner. Palomino fights in a very cold manner in the first four rounds. He receives many blows. And please don't forget that Pipino Cuevas has a devastating punch. He needs only one wallop to send his opponent to the land of dreams. Pipino fights like a demon in his efforts to put his opponents away."

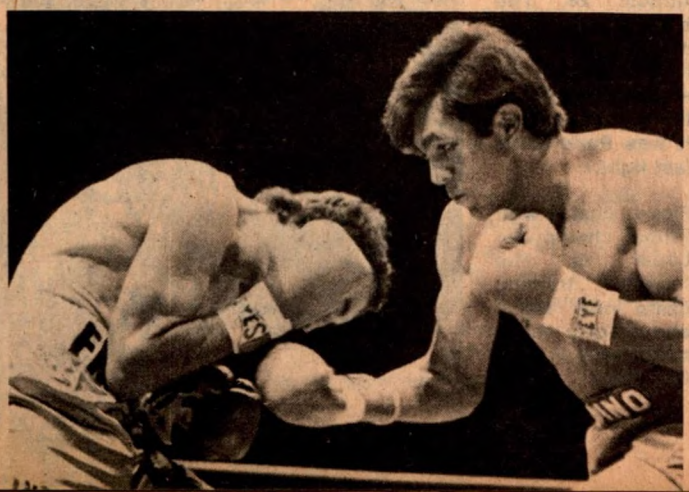
Jose Cuevas Gonzalez, whose grandfather was born in Italy, has had twenty-eight fights with twenty-three wins and only five defeats. The last time he lost was two years ago, when he fought Andy Price in Los Angeles. He has flattened his last eight foes and has successfully defended his title against Shoji Tsujimoto (6), Miguel Angel Campanino (2), Clyde Gray (2), Angel Espada (12), Harold Weston (9), Billy Backus (1), and Pete Ranzany (2).

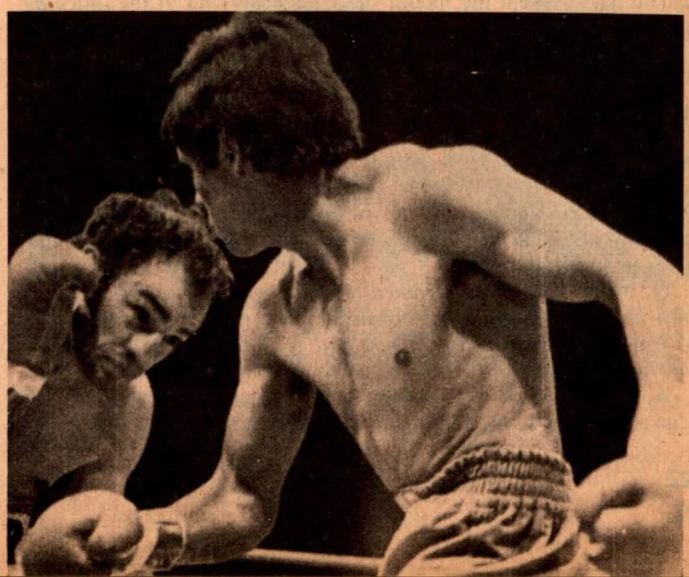
Will Pipino Cuevas overcome the record of "Mantequilla" Napoles? Only Father Time will say . . .



(Above) Pipino raises his hands in victory as challenger Clyde Gray is helped back to his corner by referee Chuck Hassett. Cuevas kayoed Gray in the second round. (Below) Cuevas prepares to smash a hard left into the body of Argentine challenger Miguel Angel Campanino. The fight ended in another two-round knockout.

Cuevas catches Campanino with a right. Title fight was held in Mexico on March 12, 1977.





FLOYD PATTERSON: COMMISSIONER AND CHAMPION

An Exclusive Interview

World heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson in 1962.

By CHARLES D. BROWN

THE Ring presents an exclusive interview with the former two-time world heavyweight champion, Floyd Patterson. Patterson is the former chairman of the New York State Boxing Commission, and this unusually frank interview was held at the commission offices over a two-hour period; in New York City.

Q. *What were your impressions of Ali-Spinks No. 2, which I believe you watched on television?*

A. It was not an exciting fight, but I have never seen such a well-planned fight. Cassius planned to move just enough to win, and he did. (Patterson referred to the current heavyweight champion as Cassius Clay throughout the interview). He didn't lose many of the early rounds—the first round he lost was the eighth, which was the first time he came down off his toes in the fight.

Q. *What are your impressions of Spinks as a fighter?*

A. Spinks has a lot of potential and ability, but what he needs now is experience. Spinks won the title on determination, but you can't beat experience, as Cassius proved to him.

Q. *Many people project the theory that Spinks lost his title because he won the title too soon and could not cope with the sudden fame. Yet you won the heavyweight title at a comparable age and by all outward appearances, you were able to keep your head on your shoulders. How can a fighter cope with sudden fame.*

A. I can only tell you what I did. Actually, I was not able to handle it. So I kept my mouth shut and stayed out of the limelight. You learn by listening, and after years of listening, I was able to speak for myself and be my own man. For the last ten years of my career, I was my own manager and did well with my finances and on Wall Street.

Q. *Who trained you after the D'Amato breakup, when you began handling your own affairs?*

A. Dan Florio trained me from 1962 until his death in 1965. Ernie Fowler, who was always in my camp, trained me from 1965 until my last fight in 1972. You need a trainer, because you can't see yourself in the ring.

Q. *Many fighters are trained are managed by members of their own families, such as Jerry Quarry, but these fighters never seem to win titles. Do you feel it best that your trainer be an impartial outsider who won't be afraid to chew you out of you need it?*

A. Well, I took my brother Ray into camp around 1965, and I'm afraid that I, myself, made things so soft for him that he lost

Muhammad Ali and Floyd Patterson gag it up for the cameras in New York on July 6, 1972 after signing for their twelve-round North American heavyweight title bout in Madison Square Garden on August 28. The bout was postponed to September 20 and Ali stopped Floyd in the seventh round. It was Patterson's last fight.

Floyd chats with former champ Joe Louis at the former's training camp near Elgin, about forty miles northwest of Chicago.

Floyd and the kids. The heavyweight champion, some say, should serve as a model to the youth of America. Floyd always has.

desire and hunger to fight. And hunger is the main ingredient for a successful fighter.

Q. *How did you develop your famous peekaboo style?*

A. The peekaboo was an outgrowth of advice my original trainer (1950-54), Frank Lavelle, gave me to keep my hands high at all times. He eventually left because he couldn't get along with D'Amato and because he thought I had been overmatched in a fight against Tommy Harrison in 1954. I knocked out Harrison in the first round and I guess Lavelle has since brainwashed himself into justifying his position. I see him occasionally at fight cards but we haven't spoken since that day.

Q. *Were you a boxing instructor, would you recommend the peekaboo style?*

A. I have a boxing camp upstate, for youngsters. Six of them recently accompanied me to Belfast, Ireland; and then to Michigan, where they fought local teams. I start all my youngsters off with the peekaboo style. It is a good beginning stance and a fighter can develop into other natural styles from it, easily. The style is a part of me.

Q. *And how did you acquire another famous part of your repetoire, the leaping left hook?*

A. And the leaping right hand. I first used it at the state reformatory at the age of 9, when I was matched against a much bigger boy in my first fight ever. My first punch was a leaping right that bloodied the other kid's nose, and they had to stop it. I've used the punch ever since. (Patterson said this as if he considered the punch a lucky charm which should not be disposed of).

Q. *Judging by the fact that five of the last seven heavyweight champions have been Olympic titleholders, it would seem that the*

Floyd and Nat Loubet look over a copy of Ring Magazine in 1956, when Patterson was in his first year as heavyweight champ. Floyd later became the first man to regain the heavyweight title.

Olympics are the ideal training ground for heavyweights. Do you agree?

A. Once a man wins the Olympics, it places him at the top of the amateurs, and he picks up an awful lot of experience along the way. You shouldn't rush a fighter. Spinks was rushed.

Q. *You began as a middleweight. What prompted you to turn heavyweight?*

A. Nothing prompted me, the weight came natural and the heavyweights were the prestige division at the time. But occasionally I would drop as low as 172 or 173 in training and I would have to eat heavy foods, like steak, for breakfast. I can't stand that type of food in the morning, so what I used to do was take a mouthful and walk slowly around the room chewing it.

Q. *Did Cus D'Amato eventually see you fighting Marciano? His retirement had not been envisioned as you made your way up through the heavies.*

A. Yes, Cus thought I would fight Marciano.

Q. *Do you agree with the frequent charge that D'Amato overprotected you?*

A. No. Cus had more faith in me than I had in myself. My attitude then was that "if Cus says I can do it, then I can". Also, and I don't know if you remember this; but there was an organization called the IBC, run by Jim Norris; and I was boycotted by it because Norris and D'Amato couldn't agree. I wanted to fight Zora Folley and Eddie Machen then, but we ended up importing people like Brian London for defenses, because the IBC had very little control over foreign fighters. I ended up with the leavings, which was not the way I wanted it.

Q. *As you became more the veteran, did your basic style alter in any way?*

A. No, it never altered. If I were to fight tomorrow, I would fight the same way.

Q. *And as you became more the veteran, did you have trouble sticking to the grind? Did you ever have trouble getting "UP" for a fight, as Muhammad Ali has so often been troubled of late?*

A. I've had trouble getting 'up' for fights ever since the second Johansson fight. I didn't want to dislike him, but he made me dislike him by what he said in the newspapers. I was really afraid. I saw him lying there with his foot twitching and the blood coming out of his mouth—he was like a dead man. I never want to witness that kind of scene again. It affected me in every fight I had after it.

(Time out here for a 45-minute New York Boxing Commission hearing).

Q. (Upon resumption of interview). *There is a word in the english language—"Lithe". Yourself and Ezzard Charles are the only recent heavy champs who depended on this quality—it was all size and muscle for the others. Spinks and Marciano were small men, but all muscle. And Ali is a master boxer, but also 6'3" and 220. Do you feel it was an advantage or a disadvantage being small for a heavyweight?*

A. I feel it was an advantage, especially as far as speed was concerned. And it also helped me on both offense and defense. The best heavyweight are the ones who gradually grown into the class—this helps them maintain their early speed. If you're born heavy, you don't have speed. Even Clay grew into the heavyweights from a lighter weight, and this helped him with his speed.

Q. *How do you feel about the occasional talk of splitting the heavyweights into two classes–regular weights and dreadnoughts?*

A. I wouldn't like such a thing—it detracts from the class as a whole.

Q. *Do you feel it is good for the boxing world now that the heavyweight title is a global affair, with such exotic locations for defenses as Zaire and Kuala Lampur? Shouldn't heavy defenses be held in the U.S.?*

A. When you have A WORLD heavyweight champion, that's just how it should be—you should defend around the world, so all the people can see you, and what you represent—the United States.

Q. *And how do you feel about the issue of inflated purses? The dream of a promoter used to be a million-dollar gate. Now he has to pay each fighter a million apiece for a quality heavyweight match.*

A. The growth is good. Everything is going up, with the addition of closed-circuit television; it has become a far wider proposition and deserving of what it earns and pays.

Q. *And what can be done about the bane of boxing, the "split" title? Especially in the lighter divisions, when we frequently have two champs who refuse to fight out of their respective home countries, making the needed showdown match near impossible.*

A. I can only answer that in terms of the authority of the New York Commission and who it recognizes in these sort of things. If Clay and Holmes were to fight here, Clay would be announced as the heavy champ and Holmes as the No. 1 contender. It would be better to have only one champ in each division, but we have no control over the foreign countries.

Q. *How do you stay in fighting trim—you are seldom off from your fighting weight of old?*

A. I do a lot of working out at my camp, and a lot of running. I boxed 32 rounds last night, for exercise.

Q. *What can be done about the epidemic of mismatches, and the problem of the 'stiff' and the 'professional opponent'?*

A. You should get better promoters to prevent mismatches. Follow the example of the No. 1 matchmaker, in my opinion, Teddy Brenner. I can't recall his ever making a mismatch, although there must have been a few. The new man, Gil Clancy, has yet to prove himself, but he's been around a long time, so we'll see.

Q. *There is another class of fight, the 'exercise' bout—such as Ali-Evangelista. Or say, in between the two Quarry fights in 1966-67, you scored a one-round kayo over one Billy McMurray. Comment, please.*

A. I can understand a fighter's need for this type of fight, especially after you're going to gas out awful fast. If Clay wants to have that type of fight, he is perfectly entitled. He has ducked no one.

Q. *How close do you think Ali is to retirement?*

A. I think he will fight again, but not for long. No longer than a year, about 2 or three fights. But I read that he was planning to take eight months off and do nothing at the age of 36. Consider this a message to him—you take that long off at 36 and it takes you over a year to get your reflexes back. I know because I once lost mine—more than once. And the older I was, the longer it took to regain them.

Q. *Who was the best fighter you ever saw, any division?*

A. The best all-around, pound-for-pound was Sugar Ray Robinson. There is usually a flaw somewhere in a fighter, but he could do just about everything.

Q. *While we are on the subject of analyzing fighters, I will ask you for your opinions about some of your more prominent opponents, as fighters.*

A. (a) GEORGE CHUVALO—Very strong, like a bull. (b) OSCAR BONAVENA—A bull, similar to Chuvalo. (c) JERRY QUARRY—Strong and a good puncher, but not a bull. (d) ARCHIE MOORE—One of the greats. He had the greatest sneak right I ever saw—it came from nowhere. I watched that right constantly during our title match. He got his opportunities rather late. (e) JOEY MAXIM—A superb boxer, but not much of a puncher. (f) INGEMAR JOHANSSON—He had a tremendous right, he was a superb fighter the night he beat me. (g) MUHAMMAD ALI—Cassius is super, but not yet the greatest. (h) HURRICANE JACKSON—The best conditioned fighter I ever fought or saw. He took a tremendous punch, and he's the only fighter I saw who jumped up and down during the minute between rounds. (i) *This reporter mentions HENRY COOPER. Patterson wavers, and I say that perhaps it is difficult for him to offer an opinion because Cooper was not at his best the night he fought Patterson (losing by KO4). Patterson offered this response:*

I've never known a fighter to be at his best the night he lost. You must always find some excuse for defeat—otherwise, you are accepting defeat. I have been defeated physically, but never mentally. (pauses). You know, the sorest loser I ever fought was Brian London. I visited London in 1972, we met and shook hands, and before I left England I picked up the papers and he had blasted me in an interview, and much of it went back to our title fight thirteen years earlier. Yes, he was the sorest loser I ever fought.

Q. *Is there any such thing as a typical day in the life of Floyd Patterson, Executive?*

A. That's a hard one. (He goes on to describe a fairly busy schedule of appearances). You know, one day upstate I was doing rock work for my house's garden, and I drove up a mountain for a load of flat rocks. I loaded them into a pickup truck that looked like it had four flats when I got through loading those heavy rocks. I was wearing heavy work boots and a torn undershirt—I looked like a real slob. I pulled in to a gas station where I know the attendant and he kidded me about my appearance. I went back a week later, and the attendant said that he had seen me on television on a Dean Martin Friar's Roast of Cassius Clay, all done up in a tuxedo, and he couldn't believe the difference. (Patterson fingers his immaculate light blue business suit). These clothes aren't me. I'm only comfortable working outdoors in the country. If I dressed this way all the time, I would lose my ability.

Q. *Are you still recognized on the street?*

A. Yes, and it amazes me. I haven't fought in six years.

Q. *Is there any noticeable difference in a champ's life when he suddenly becomes an ex-champ?*

A. Yes, definitely. The training is gone. The sacrifice is gone. So many things are no longer there. One good thing, I never really care for the limelight, and that was one of the things that goes. I don't really have to train any more, but I miss the sacrificing. I'll probably never fight again, but I don't think I'll ever retire publicly, either.

Q. *A few background details about some of your more prominent matches. The one with Pete Rademacher, for instance.*

A. Pete had people convinced he would beat me—and I would fight my own mother tomorrow for $250,000. So I took the bout.

Q. *And the Ellis fight in Sweden. Do you feel you won that fight?*

A. I thought we had it agreed before the fight that Teddy Waltham, a Britisher whom I trusted, would be the referee. I was training in the country, 20 miles outside Stockholm, and I didn't know that Valan was going to referee. I didn't know it until the day after the fight, when I mentioned that I couldn't question Teddy's decision and a Swedish friend told me that Valan had refereed. Then, I flipped. Later, I found out that Valan and Ellis had stayed at the same hotel in Stockholm and were seen having dinner together frequently. A few days later, I saw the film of the fight and thought I had won the majority of the rounds. But I am happy Ellis won because I like him as a person. I have no bitterness at all. I have had a long and beautiful career, and have done things I had only dreamed of doing before.

Q. *Does it affect a fighter's performance, knowing that the crowd is on his side? Can a fighter involved in a tough fight actually even hear the crowd, or is he too engrossed?*

A. The crowd certainly can affect a fighter's performance positively. In the fight with George Chuvalo I had lost four straight rounds, seven through ten, and went back to my corner totally exhausted. But I heard the crowd yelling "C'MON FLOYD!", and I was amazed, especially since Chuvalo was white and so were ninety percent of the fans. I learned that night that the mind can kill the body, if you let it. I won the last two rounds, and the crowd did it for me. I had to go to bed for four or five days after that fight.

Q. *You are currently involved in a project having to do with the eyesight of fighters, I understand.*

A. Yes. The main damage a fighter suffers in his ring career is the detatched retina. I know a few fighters from my period who suffered them, and some are getting steadily worse. We need more extensive eye examinations, and a re-check of the eyes each time a boxer has his license renewed. (Note: Patterson's brother Ray had to retire from boxing because of a detatched retina.)

Q. *What were the high and low points of your pro career? (I mean in the ring, but Patterson generously expands the question to include all fields).*

A. The high points were all the victories, especially the ones over moore and the second Johansson bout. But the highlight of my life, and this may sound corny, was thirteen years ago when I married my beautiful wife. As for the lowest point, saying good-bye to the ring would be the lowest point. Nothing could surpass that.

Q. *Looking back on your career with 100% hindsight, any regrets?*

A. None whatsoever. I wouldn't change a thing, especially not the defeats, because they, above all, help you learn about yourself better. From now on, I will never be ashamed of being ashamed. There will never be another mustache and beard, but I will never condemn myself for it.

Q. *In your own words, how would you explain your continuing popularity with fight fans?*

A. That's very hard for me to answer. I like people and people like me. I just really can't say.

EPILOGUE: *I think, I the author, can explain it. For I am one of them–he who walks in the Valley of the Peekaboo. I am an unabashed Patterson groupie. I cheered his wins and suffered his defeats and felt sympathy pains and hollered at his close losses to Quarry and Ellis. If you look at Floyd Patterson, you see the face of a cherub. And he is as gentle as he looks. There aren't all that many complete gentlemen in the boxing business. When we find one, we just like to cling, that's all.*

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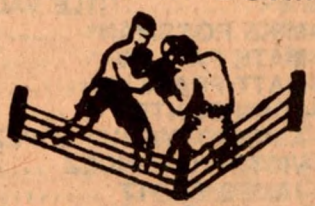

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2—LEON SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Mo.
3—KEN NORTIN ..... San Diego, Calif.
4—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
5—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6—ALFREDO EVANGELISTA ..... Spain
7—KALLIE KNOETZE ..... South Africa
8—GERRIE COETZEE ..... South Africa
9—OZZIE OCASIO ..... Puerto Rico
10—DOMINGO D'ELIA ..... Argentina

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—MIKE ROSSMAN* ..... Turnersville, N.J.
2—MATE PARLOV** ..... Yugoslavia
3—MATT FRANKLIN† ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
5—ALVARO (YAQUI) LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
6—VICTOR GALINDEZ ..... Argentina
7—JAMES SCOTT ..... Rahway, N.J.
8—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Columbus, Ohio
9—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
10—EDDIE GREGORY ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

HUGO CORRO ..... Argentina
1—MARVIN HAGLER ..... Brockton, Mass.
2—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
3—RONNIE HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
4—MARCOS GERALDO ..... Mexico
5—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
6—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7—RUBY ROBLES ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—TONY CHIAVERINI ..... Kansas City, Mo.
9—NORBERTO CABRERA ..... Argentina
10—ELIHAH MAKHATINI ..... South Africa

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MASASHI KUDO* ..... Japan
1—AYUB KALULE ..... Uganda
2—ROCKY MATTIOLI** ..... Australia
3—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
4—ALVIN ANDERSON ..... Baltimore, Md.
5—EDGAR ROSS ..... Orlando, Fla.
6—EDDIE GAZO ..... Nicaragua
7—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
8—LOUCIF HAMANI ..... Algeria
9—ROCKY MOSLEY JR. ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
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WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO** ..... Mexico
1—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
2—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
3—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
4—RAY LEONARD ..... Baltimore, Md.
5—PETE RANZANY† ..... Sacramento, Calif.
6—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington, D.C.
7—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—ANDY PRICE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—SCOTT CLARK ..... Orlando, Fla.
10—FLOYD MAYWEATHER ... Grand Rapids, Mich.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFRED BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
1—ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
2—SAENSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
3—ESTEBAN DeJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
4—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
5—SAOUL MAMBY ..... New York, N.Y.
6—DOMINGO AYALA† ..... Puerto Rico
7—ADRIAN "NANI" MARRERA ... Dominican Rep.
8—JOE KIMPAUANI ..... Zaire
9—ADOLFO VIRUET ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
10—JIMMY HEAIR ..... Memphis, Tenn.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN ..... Panama
1—ALFREDO PITALUA ..... Colombia
2—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
3—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
4—CLAUDE NOEL ..... Trinidad, W.I.
5—JIM WATT ..... Scotland
6—JOHNNY LIRA† ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
7—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico
8—TERMITE WATKINS ..... Houston, Texas
9—JULIO VALDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
10—HERMAN MONTES ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—FRANKIE BALTAZAR ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—ALFREDO ESCALERA† ..... Puerto Rico
3—ALEXIS ARGUELLO** ..... Nicaragua
4—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
5—ARTURO LEON ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
6—NATLIO VEZZOLI ..... Italy
7—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
9—JUAN MALVAREZ ..... Argentina
10—ERNESTO ESPANA ..... Venezuela

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—DANNY LOPEZ**† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ ..... Puerto Rico
3—EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
4—RICARDO CARDONE ..... Venezuela
5—ROBERTO GASTANON ..... Spain
6—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
7—RUBEN CASTILLO ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
8—CECILIO LASTRA ..... Spain
9—HECTOR CARRASQUILLA ..... Panama
10—MIKE AYALA ..... San Antonio, Texas

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* ..... Panama
1—LUPE PINTOR ..... Mexico
2—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
3—FRANCO ZURLO ..... Italy
4—ALFONSO ZAMORA ..... Mexico
5—AL SANDOVAL ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
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8—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—ROBERTO RUBALDINO ..... Mexico
10—ENRIQUE SANCHEZ ..... Dominican Rep.

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Merida, Mexico
1—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
2—BETULIO GONZALEZ* ..... Venezuela
3—GUTY ESPADAS ..... Mexico
4—FRANCO UDELLA ..... Italy
5—KIM SUNG ..... South Korea
6—FREDDY CASTILLO ..... Mexico
7—NETRNOI VORASINGH ..... Thailand
8—JOSE ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
9—CHARLIE MAGRI ..... England
10—SHOJI OGUMA ..... Japan

WILFREDO GOMEZ

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

Puerto Rico's Wilfredo Gomez remained unbeaten with a victory over former unbeaten Mexico's Carlos Zarate for the WBC super bantamweight title in San Juan, Puerto Rico for this month's honors.

Others with major victories for the month: Matt Franklin over Yaqui Lopez for the U.S. light heavyweight title; Esteban DeJesus' win over fellow Puerto Rican Edwin Viruet; WBC feather king Danny Lopez's victory over the Philippines' Fel Clemente; light heavyweight James Scott's upset over Eddie Gregory, twelve rounds; Ray Leonard remained undefeated with a ten-round nod over Randy Shields; Kim Sung-Jun, South Korea, won the WBC jr. fly crown, beating Netrnoi Vorasinghi; WBA jr. fly king Japan's Yoko Gushiken defended his title with a five-round knockout over South Korea's Chung-Sang Il, and light heavyweight John Conteh stopped Dominican Leo Rogers in seven.

James Scott, Rahway, N.J. prisoner, breaks into the seventh spot with his victory over Gregory, who falls to tenth in the light heavys. Matt Franklin moves from sixth to third, defeating Lopez; Yaqui drops to five. Conteh's win over Rogers moves him from five to four. Johnson and Cassidy both move up one as Wassaja of Uganda comes out of the top ten—inactive.

Middleweight Elijah Makhatini, South Africa, moves into the tenth place in the middleweights, his latest win was over Daniel Mapanya. Chiaverini moves up one spot with a win over Mike Evans. Robles' kayo of Mike Colbert makes him seven, and Colbert, five.

Loucif Hamani, Algeria, dropped from the middleweights into the junior middles—number eight. Elisha Obed and Miguel Angel Castellini, both ex-champs, fall out of the rankings. Rocky Mosley Jr.'s win over Wilson Bell makes him nine and inactive Phillips drops to tenth.

Harold Weston's victory over Sammy Masias moves him from five to three; Leonard's victory over Shields makes him four, with Shields falling to seven. Clark's win over Jimmie Owens moves

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PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	PRO DEBUT	TOTAL BOUTS	WON	LOST	DRAWS	KO'S
HEAVYWEIGHT Trevor Berbick Halifax, Canada	1/77	10	10	0	0	10
HEAVYWEIGHT Jerry Cooney New York, N.Y.	2/77	13	13	0	0	12
HEAVYWEIGHT Willie Shannon Orlando, Fla.	9/77	11	11	0	0	10
HEAVYWEIGHT Vincenzo Pesapane Italy	10/77	10	10	0	0	4

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(Above) A photo of Taub is surrounded by signatures of dignitaries attending the Carnival of Champions in New Orleans. (Right) Sam poses in a bathrobe given to him by Everlast Sporting Goods; it has the word "CHAMPION" emblazed across the back. Sam's hand rests on a montage of photos depicting his from his days as a radio announcer to the present. This picture was taken at the Hilton Hotel in New Orleans.

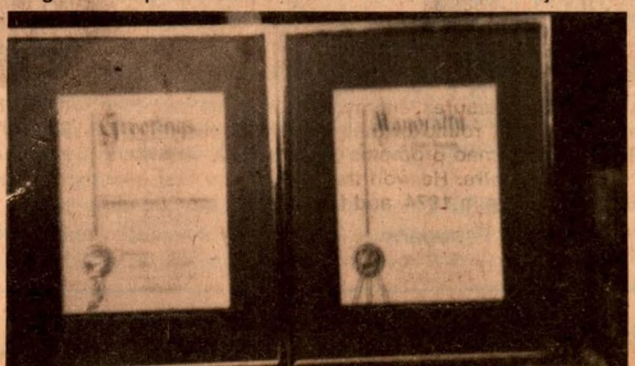
SAM TAUB IS FETED ON HIS 92ND BIRTHDAY

By NAT LOUBET

THE recent Carnival of Champions held at New Orleans, which produced Muhammad Ali as the first man to win the world's heavyweight crown for the third time, also will be remembered for the honoring by Top Rank, promoters of the show, of Sam Taub on his ninety-second birthday. Sam was invited as the honorary announcer for the show and during his stay in New Orleans was the recipient of many honors and awards.

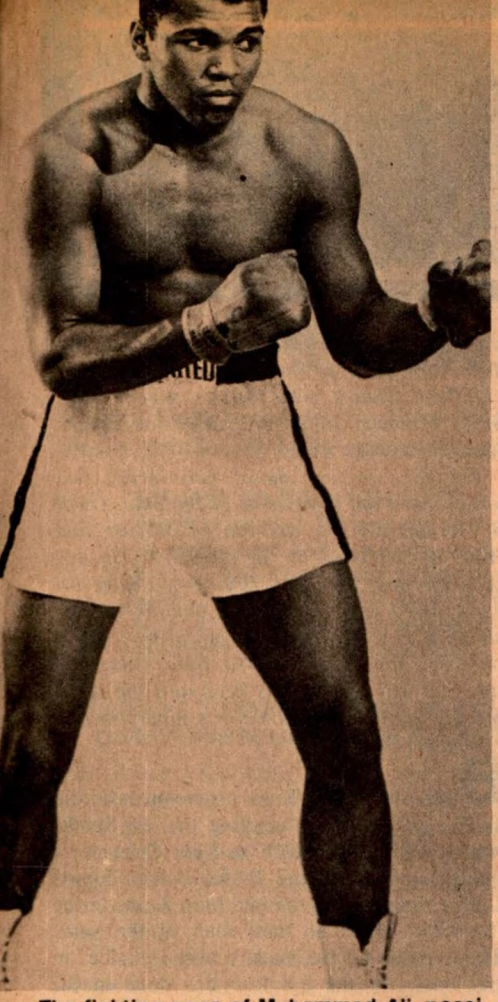
Sam's cup was filled to the brim with gifts, parties, and well wishes. Ali gave him a sweater. Sid Schwartz, a manufacturer of leather, gave Sam a special belt buckle. Adam Hats had a special hat made for Sam for the years he announced the fights for that company over radio, and on and on. . . . . .

(Above) Sam is surrounded by his many birthday gifts and honors after returning home. (Below) The plaque on the left makes Sam an Honorary Citizen of New Orleans. The plaque on the right is the proclamation in honor of Sam Taub Day.



GROWING UP WITH ALI

By HOWARD DOLGON



The fighting pose of Muhammad Ali, possibly the greatest heavyweight champion of all-time. Muhammad emerged as a top amateur in 1959.

WHEN he first entered all of our lives he was Cassius Clay, a newly crowned Olympic champion. As we grew, he grew. He soon self-proclaimingly became "The Greatest," a poor black kid from Louisville with quick hands and a tongue to match. Now he is Muhammad Ali, the people's champion, our champion, and a legend in his own time.

Yes, he is our champion. The old-time fight fans have always been critical of him. They said he couldn't punch. They said he couldn't take a punch. And they insisted he wouldn't last very long with the champions of their era.

I grew up watching Muhammad Ali become more than just a fighter, more than just an athlete. He emerged as a national figure, a name recognized worldwide. I was seven years old when Ali became champion for the first time, upsetting the supposedly indestructible Sonny Liston. Fourteen years later he is champion once again, older and wiser, as are those of us who followed him through the ups and downs of his career, and life.

Well, he'd float like a butterfly and he'd sting like a bee, and then he changed his name from Clay to Ali, but he was still the same fighter. And he fought them all, and he beat them all, and he was the greatest because he told us so, and we believed him. Then came the war.

The war in Vietnam. He said he was not going to fight. He said he didn't believe in killing. He even said he'd die for what he thought was right. So our parents and elders called him unpatriotic and disobedient to his country. They said that Joe Louis had defended his country and title at the same time, why couldn't Ali?

He became the bad guy. He'd fight in his country (in the ring) for money, but he wouldn't fight for his country. Then they took away his title and disallowed him to pursue his career. There were now no doubts in our minds that our hero, the champion of our generation, had done wrong.

For three and a half years he could do no more than watch. He was a mere spectator now. Then the war turned bad. Thousands of young Americans died, and what began as a popular war quickly took a turn for the worse. Were we defending the right country? Or were we just wasting our time from the beginning?

Even after he was permitted back in the ring, many so-called "patriots" labelled him a draft-dodger. They wanted him to suffer for his defiance. They wanted him defeated.

Those of us who had condemned him for his earlier actions now understood what he had done. He had given up something he

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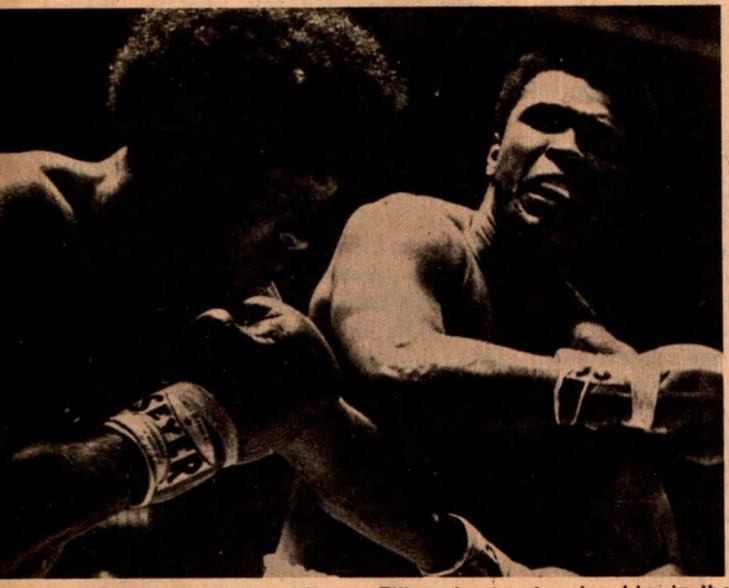

(Above) Ali pressures Jimmy Ellis prior to stopping him in the twelfth and last round of their bout in Houston on July 26, 1971. (Right) Muhammad promotes his title bout with George Foreman in Kinshasa, Zaire. He won the title for the first time in 1964, for the second time in 1974, and for the third time in 1978.

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

TEMPIS fugit! One often wonders how time flies. The year 1978 was no exception. Everything happened, including the return to the heavyweight throne of Muhammad Ali, who turned the tables on Leon Spinks in the Bob Arum extravaganza in New Orleans. Coincidental with the staging of four title bouts on one card was the crowning of Mike Rossman as the new WBA light heavyweight boss by way of a TKO over Victor Galindez of Argentina.

We had plenty of experiences on our trip to New Orleans as the guest of Bob Arum, Top Rank promoter, who staged the four title affairs in the Superdome. One was again meeting with old friends from the boxing world, especially with Lou Messina, who has been a promoter in the crescent city for many, many years and is still going strong. Another was one of our old pals, Jimmy White, who used to operate from little old New York before moving south. It was great catching up with them, especially Jack Welsh of the *Philadelphia Journal*.

The wonderful experiences we had, the thrill of being interrogated by visiting newspapermen from all over the country and from England and other foreign spots, made us feel young again. Interviews with newspapermen and the splurge of television and radio personalities made us harken back to the old days, when we were with *The Morning Telegraph* and the many decades with *The Ring* Magazine, with great personalities like William Barclay "Bat" Masterson and Nat Fleischer. For all of these experiences, all we can say to all our friends is—thanks. You were wonderful—Bob Arum, publicist Irving Rudd, and Eddie Pitcher. The birthday party thrown by promoter Arum and his staff, the reliving my broadcast of the Joe Louis-Buddy Baer title bout in Washington, D.C., heard because sportscaster Dick Schaap ferreted it out of the NBC archives, was startling. That was part of my 1978 memories that made me forget age. The many other kindnesses also played a prominent part in recalling the wonderful memories of our early days in sports. The trip south to the fight with Nat Loubet, publisher and editor of *The Ring*, provided me with memories that one cannot forget.

All the encomiums we received were naturally secondary to the activity surrounding the Ali-Spinks extravaganza, which is something we'll always cherish. We were happy to be given a part in the action and, again, thankful to all our pals in TV, radio, and newspaperdom for their wonderful kind words. To Everlast and others who played a part as far as Yours Truly is concerned, all we can say is God Bless you all.

I can't enumerate all those who showed me their great kindness, but chaps like Bill Mazer, Don Dunphy, and Howie Cosell and others made us very, very happy. It was great to be at the fight and to catch up with our TV, radio, and newspaper friends from all over the country and the world.

AMONG the many letters we received from old friends, one came from Benjamin Braunstein of Orlando, Florida, a former New Yorker. This letter came to me during the Summer and I believe it will be of enough interest to our Ring readers to pass it along to you. It was written by a man who once aspired to become a standout in our manly art of self-defense. Here's the Braunstein epistle:

This will come as a surprize to you because it has been many years since we last saw each other. And that was during the time you were on the old Telegraph in the big Apple. Yes, that was when the city of New York was something to be in.

At one time, I had some thoughts to become somebody in the Sport of Boxing and tried it for several years under the name of Frankie Brown and boxed as a middleweight with some success. During the time that I am speaking about the famous place for the boxers was Stillman's Gymnasium on Eighth Ave. Yes, I would give anything just to roll back some of the years to be associated with people like you and Whitey Bimstein, Benny Leonard, Al Weill, Charley Goodman, Ray Arcel, Doc Robb, Doc Fisher and big old Tom Fay, who handled Tom DeMave, who, at that time all the sports writers felt had the makings of a champion.

A few days ago in our local newspaper, the Sentinel Star *of Orlando, I read your article where you are going to be a celebrated guest of a fight coming up soon. Yes, Sam, being out of touch I had thought that you became one of the missing. But I am so happy that you are still here and I hope enjoying the best of good health.*

Right now I am with the James E. Strates as their Special Agent of their Florida Division and just travel around the state for them. We have a very fine promoter here like Pete Ashlock, who lost his matchmaker, Bruce Trampler, to the New Madison Square Garden in your city.

We have boxing shows here every two weeks and I am there most of the time. I will be seventy-two on the 6th of August and enjoy a wonderful life at all times. The reason for this, Sam, I believe that I have always loved people and my outlook on the situation is not to think old but to be positive on every thing that I do. So, Sam, I do hope that you will receive this because I am sending my very best to you for a ninety-second birthday-YOUNG.

BOB Arum, Top Rank promoter, who did such a great job in handling the Ali-Spinks heavyweight title match in New Orleans, is being honored by the B'Nai B'Rith Sports Lodge, founded by the late Max Kase, in the Roosevelt Hotel as their man of the year. They couldn't have made a better choice, in our book for the job Bob has done in the boxing promotion business. There should be quite a turnout.

MARTY Owens, who gets around the country seeing old pals from the boxing game, wrote us about a great birthday party that took place last Sept. 7th for the one time great lightweight contender, Joe Benjamin, who was a stablemate in the Billy Gibson fight gang when Benny Leonard was king of the crop. It was Joe's eightieth birthday. Marty reported Benjamin looking great.

JIMMY Devlin, the man from all trades in the boxing game. He started as a lightweight while living in England, was born in County Donegal, Ireland. That was back in 1936. Then he came to America. Worked with George Brown in his gymnasium on West 57th St. also was with my late friends, Col Eddie Eagan, Ernest Hemingway and Bernie Gimbel. Also, was close to Gene Tunney. Then became a referee in 1951, now the oldest referee on the State Athletic Commission. Now associated with the Racing Commission and located at the Finger Lakes Race Track in Canandaigua, N.Y. Jimmy was 60 years old on Nov. 28. Still loves the Queensberry game.

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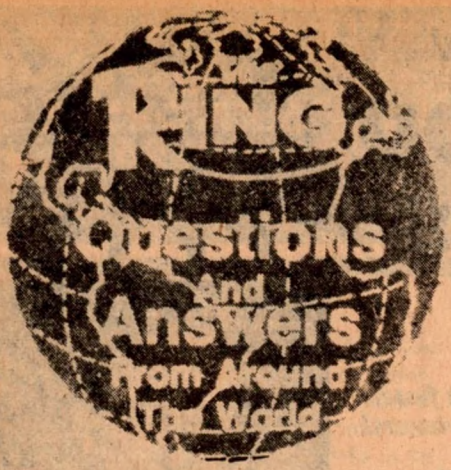

Q. Roxell (Rocky) Mosley fought out of Las Vegas, Nev. He was supposed to be former middleweight champion of Nevada. Is he still fighting?

Ben Jones
San Diego, Cal.

A. A recent UPI news dispatch out of Las Vegas, Nev., reported that Roxell (Rocky) Mosley Sr. was shot and killed in a bar argument. He was one time middleweight champion of Nevada and one of the oldest active fighters in the United States. He was forty two. Mosley's son, Roxell Jr., is currently Nevada Jr. State middleweight champion. From 1971 to 1976, the elder Mosley could not get a license in Nevada and fought most of his bouts in Oregon, Washington and Alaska. He was born in Arkansas.

Q. Why do you insist on rating Jorge Lujan over the incomparable Carlos Zarate?

Howard Gutterman
Brookly, N.Y.

A. The Ring follows the line of champions in all divisions, including the bantamweights. Jorge Lujan, Panama, is the true world bantamweight champion. He won the title from Mexico's Alfonso Zamora on Nov. 19, 1977 in Los Angeles, Calif., via kayo in ten. Alfonso won the title from Soo Hong Hwan, who won it from Arnold Taylor, South Africa, who, in turn, gained it from Romeo Anaya, Mexico, who had won it from Enrique Pinder.

The WBC had vacated the title in 1973. Panama's Enrique Pinder had defeated Rafael Herrera, Mexico, for the world title. This now meant that the WBA had the world champion, because the headquarters for the WBA was Panama. So the WBC, located in Mexico City, took the world title away from Panama's Pinder, and staged a bout between ex-champion Rafael Herrera, (who Pinder had beaten for the title), and another Mexican, Rodolfo Martinez, Apr. 15, 1973 in Monterey, Mexico. Rafael Herrera then became the WBC king via a kayo in twelve over Martinez.

So one then follows the list of WBC champions down to Rodolfo Martinez, who beat Herrera in a return match on Dec. 7, 1974, in Merida, Mexico, kayo four. Martinez then lost it to Zarate, also a Mexican, on May 8, 1976, Los Angeles.

We rate Zarate as the number one contender.

Q. When Fritzi Zivic won the welterweight title from Henry Armstrong (Oct. 4, 1940) who were the top ten welterweights?

Daniel F. McKenna
Springfield, Mass.

A. Besides Zivic and Armstrong, the ratings for welterweights at the time included: Cocoa Kid, Charley Burley, Izzy Jannazzo, Holman Williams, Mike Kaplan, Maxie Berger, Al Davis, Victor Dellicurti and Young Kid McCoy. In the title fight, Judge Marty Monroe and referee Arthur Donovan gave Zivic eight rounds and Armstrong seven, while Judge John Potter had it eight for Zivic, five for Armstrong and two rounds even.

A. Who was the better boxer in his time–Tommy Loughran or Billy Conn?

James Wilton
Scranton, Pa.

A. Loughran.

Q. Do you think Joe Louis would have beaten Jack Dempsey with both men in their prime?

Al Buff
Hicksville

A. Matter of opinion. Very hard fight to select the winner.

Q. Was Tom Gibbons the better fighter than his brother, Mike?

A. Mike was one of the cleverest fighters in the world, but brother Tom was a stronger fighter and heavier hitter.

Q. What is the best way to keep the stomach flat and hard?

James Kilroe
New Hyde Park

A. Abdominal exercises such as the average boxer uses in his calisthenic work. Deep breathing will stretch the chest but exercising the upper body will strengthen the chest.

Q. Did Sugar Ray Robinson ever fight Fritzie Zivic and was Zivic welterweight champion at the time?

A. Zivic and Robinson fought twice and the title was not involved in either fight. On Oct. 31, 1941, Robinson won a ten-round decision and in their second meeting on Jan. 16, 1942, Robinson stopped Zivic in ten rounds. Zivic won the title from Henry Armstrong on Oct. 4, 1940 and lost the crown to Freddie (Red) Cochrane in Newark on July 29, 1941.

Q. Did Petey Scalzo ever win the featherweight title and who was his manager?

Louis Alfaro
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. Scalzo was managed by Pete Reilly. The NBA declared Scalzo champion of the vacated featherweight title on May 1, 1940. The following year Scalzo lost the title to Richie Lemos on July 1, 1941. In 1943, Scalzo became boxing referee and later a deputy commissioner in New York State.

Q. My friend insists that Larry Holmes was a KO winner over Earnie Shavers because he read it in The Ring Magazine. I looked it up and sure enough it does say that Larry was a recent kayo victor over Earnie. We did not see the fight on TV, so could you please tell me how the fight ended. Everyone else tells me Larry won a decision.

A. Holmes won by a decision. The "recent kayo" in Ring was a typographical error. Sorry.

Q. I would like to obtain some information on European fighter, Jean-Pierre Coopman. He was scheduled to fight Mike Schutte in Rome, Italy last year. I would like to know the outcome of that fight and the list of fights he had since fighting Ali in February of 1976.

Lee Price Williams
Mobile, Ala.

A. Coopman never did fight Mike Schutte in Rome, Italy, or any other place. After being stopped by Ali on Feb. 20, 1976, he had six fights in '76: Ba Sounkalomin (L 10), Hennie Thoosan (LF 5), Hennie Thoonan (KO 6), George Jerome (KO 4), Cookie Wallace (W 10), Neville Meade (W 10). In 1977 his record includes: Lucien Rodriguez, (L 10), for the European heavyweight title, Kurt Ludecke (W 10), Tony Moore, (D 10), Alfredo Evangelista (KO by 1) for European heavyweight title. In 1978 he fought three times to date, scoring three knockouts. He stopped Santiago Albert Lovell (3), Mario Baruzzi (6), and Scotty Welsh (1).

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CATHY INTERESTING

Since I did not know there was professional boxing for women, your interesting story about Cathy (Cat) Davis came to me as a real surprise. I wish you had printed a few more facts about women's boxing. How many woman boxers are there, do they fight two or three minute rounds and how many rounds for a championship fight? Are there also lady champions in other weights?

Supposedly women would be "powder puff" punchers and not able to hit very hard. So the great KO record by Cathy Davis is really impressive. I wonder though, how many of her KO victims Cat actually put on the floor for the count of 10. Maybe some of her opponents took a few solid punches from Cat and then wisely indicated to the referee they had enough. I am not doubting Cat's punching power. It is very difficult to score a clear KO with 16-ounce gloves, which I suppose they use. Does Cat know if she can take a punch herself? As a fencer, she should have a good jab.

It would be interesting to see what women's professional boxing is like. Is there any chance of a Cat Davis fight shown on TV? Cat seems fortunate in having a manager who really wants to do well for her and for boxing. If women's boxing is to become popular, it will need people of her caliber. She is an intelligent and dedicated athlete and a definite credit to the sport. Keep us informed about her progress as she defends her title.

Ms. L. Huff
Tacoma, Wash.

ENJOYED FEATURE

I enjoyed your feature article on women's lightweight champion Cathy "Cat" Davis immensely and I would love to see more articles in *The Ring* on woman boxers. I would have appreciated it if Mr. Algieri had mentioned the Cat's height and fighting weight. Her age, as well as her reach would have been interesting as well.

This is just a suggestion, but perhaps you might be able to list the top women's ratings as a regular feature. For instance, I would like to know the rank of the woman who boxes under the title of "Zebra Girl". She is also a lightweight and won a match recently in Oakland as part of the undercard in a Mike Quarry main event.

Also, women have two official boxing associations, just like men. I have always accepted the *Ring*'s ratings rather than the WBA or WBC, unless they were coincident with *The Ring*, and so your ratings of women professionals would have a clarifying effect on conflicting ratings of rival organizations.

I am following your series on heavyweight contenders of bygone days with avid pleasure. I am looking forward to read about forgotten heroes of my youth such as Rex Layne, Nick Barone and others of that era.

Russell J. Ferris,
San Francisco, Ca.

WANTS NEW CHAMP EACH YEAR

The boxing business has yet to be civilized. It is a spoiled, petulant child. It's time for boxing to grow up.

First of all, the method for choosing champions pampers the spoiled fighter and greedy agent. Imagine the N.Y. Yankees being allowed to hold out their world championship status by ducking a rematch with the Dodgers because the money wasn't right. That's horsefeathers.

Champions of the past held their titles for years without a single defense. If you don't plan on fighting the top competition once every few months, you should go into the insurance business or drive a bus.

Our top champions are Zarate, Duran, Palomino, Galindez, etc., the fighting champions. They put their titles on the line frequently against the top challengers.

I would rather see a yearly boxing season, more like the other sports with a yearly champion. The close fight, the disputed decision should not be as damaging to a fighter's record as the knockout or clear decision.

I'd much rather see a man recognized as champion because his 1977 season record is 4-0, than because he caught Ali on an off night. The yearly championship would mean something.

But, at this point, the spoiled fighter and the greedy agent are in the driver's seat. That's why the sport of boxing isn't in nearly the shape it should be in. Someone should fight back.

Lennie Feder
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A PLUG FOR EPPS

During a recent visit to Las Vegas, I had the opportunity to see an impressive young fighter . . . his name is Bobby Epps. Epps weighs in at about 156 pounds and represents Clovis, New Mexico. He is a tall, lanky young man and is extremely fluid in the ring.

I am an avid *Ring* reader and would like to bring this young man to your attention. I think your readers would be interested to know more about this young athlete. I was very impressed and hope to hear more about him in the future.

Jeffrey Powell
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TERRIBLE TERRY McGOVERN, PART TWO

By SAM ANDRE

THE new featherweight champ continued his knockout string with KOs over Jack Ward on Jan. 19 (1); Eddie Santry, Feb. 1 (5); Oscar Gardner, March 9 (3) and ended the string with a two-round KO of Eddie Lenny on March 15, 1900.

After a six-round no decision bout with Tommy White, a clever veteran, Terry KO'd Tommy Warren in one round on April 20. A month later he met Elwood McCloskey in a no decision six-round bout and on June 12 met Tommy White again, at Coney Island, N.Y. and polished him off in three rounds. Eleven days later, he won a six-round no-decision contest over Dixon at Chicago. Terry was now ready to take on Frankie Erne, the lightweight champion.

Erne (133 pounds) agreed to come in at 128 in a non-title bout, July 16, 1900, in Madison Square Garden.

"And if I don't knock out McGovern within 10 rounds" said Erne, "I'll take the loser's end of the purse."

Erne had no trouble making the weight. His problem was conserving strength, for the drying out period was sheer agony. He suffered from thirst but dared not take a drink. At ringside, he was completely dried out.

Terry opened the bout with his usual rushing tactics. Erne, setting himself for the second rush, hit Terry on the chin with a perfectly timed left hook and sent him sprawling for a nine-count.

When Terry got to his feet he rushed Erne all over the ring, breaking his nose, cutting his lips and beating him without let-up. The packed house went wild in the second round as Terry continued the onslaught. Gamely, Erne managed to finish the round.

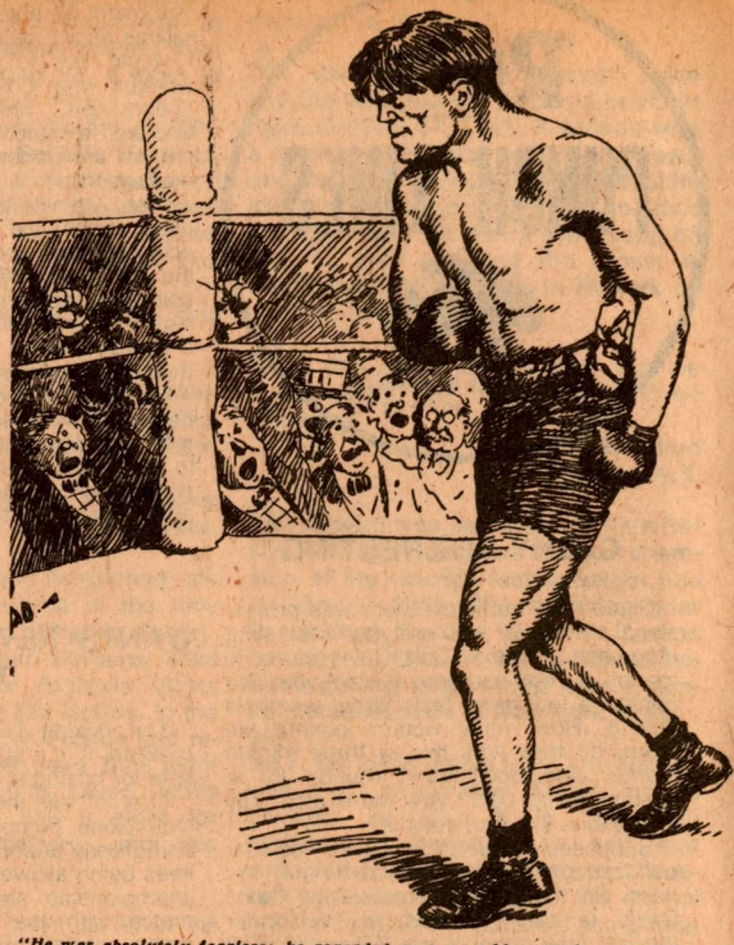
McGovern leaped from his corner in the third and slipping past Erne's left jab, threw a flurry of blows to the stomach and head. Erne was doubled over and helpless when a right to the head sent him down on all fours.

He arose at eight but was floored again. As he staggered to his feet, his handlers hurled a sponge into the ring, stopping the slaughter in 2.08.

The victory brought McGovern $19,500 with Erne getting the losers' share, $6,500.

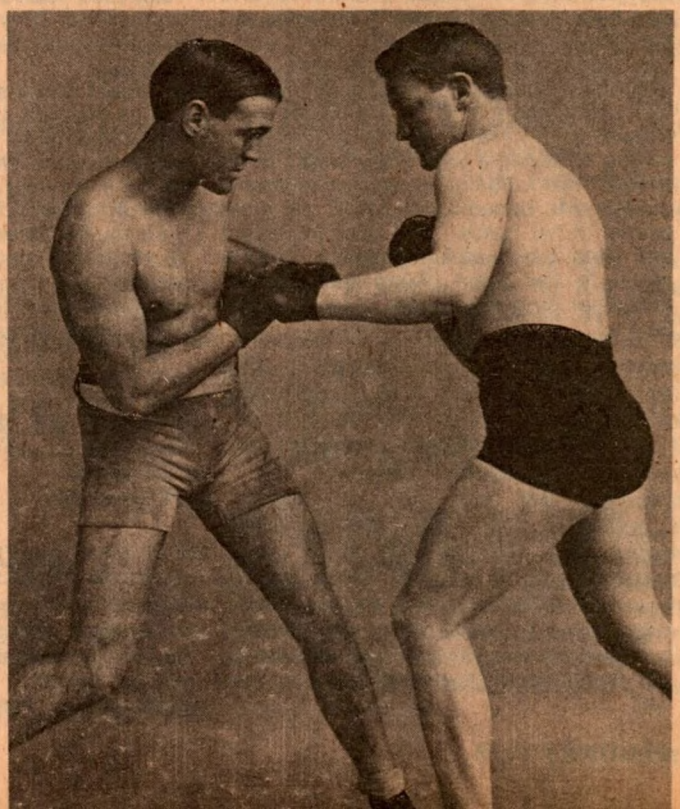
Terry engaged in two battles in November. He KO'd the cagy Joe Bernstein in seven rounds at Louisville, Ky. and won a six-round decision over Kid Broad of Cleveland, a stiff puncher who could absorb all kinds of punishment.

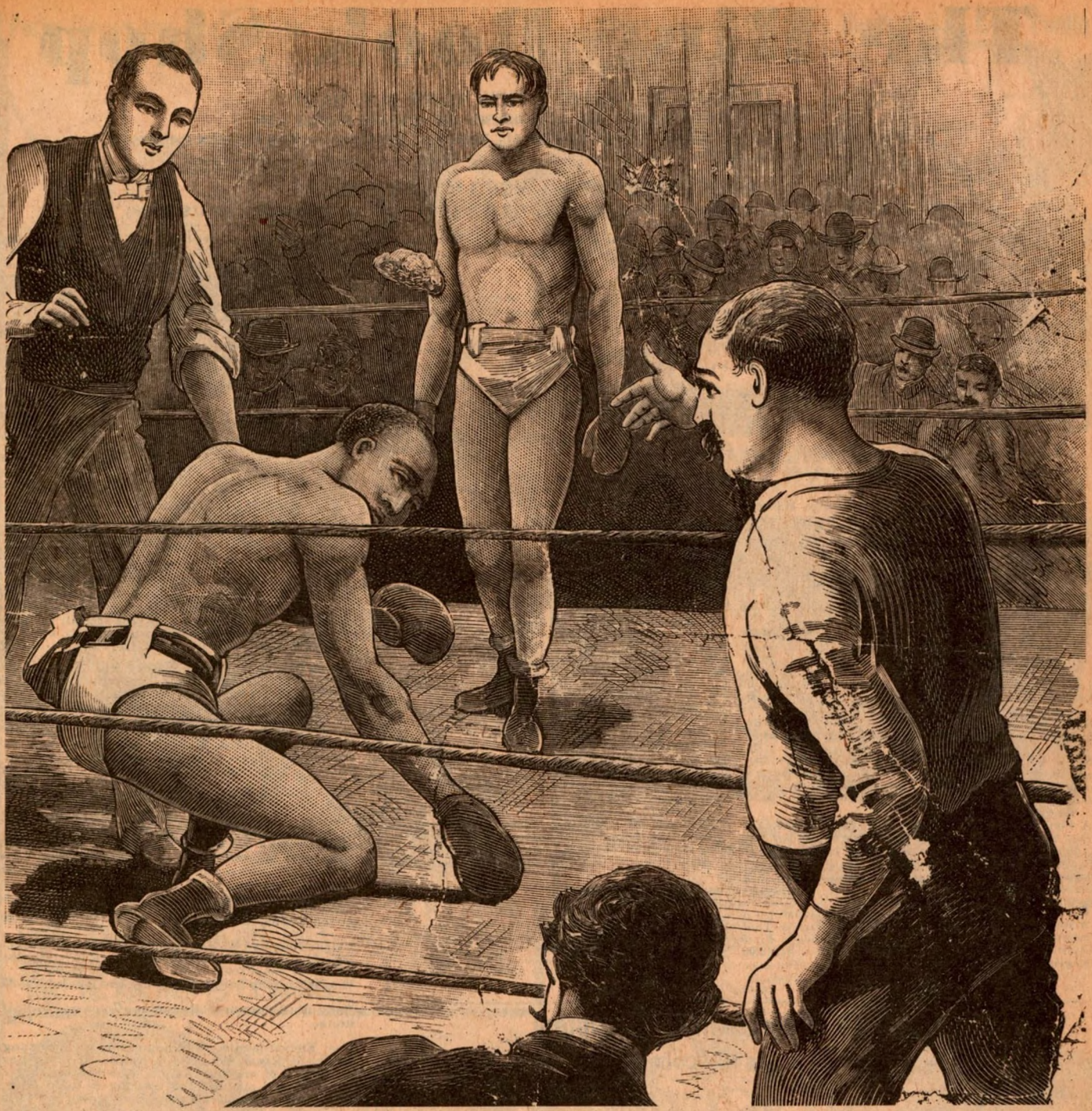
Immediately after being floored by Terry in the opening round, The Kid sent Terry down with a right to the chin. Terry survived



"He was absolutely fearless; he regarded no one as his superior and gave a tir opponent no rest."

(Above) A cartoon by the immortal Tad Morgan. (Below) McGovern squares off with his nemesis, Young Corbett. Corbett had McGovern's number, halting the Brooklyn Terror in two rounds in 1901 and again in eleven rounds on March 31, 1903.





Photographing fights in Terry's day was difficult, and the results were often blurred. Fight fans depended on newspaper artists for their "pictures" of the contests, such as this one showing Terry winning the world featherweight title from George Dixon.

the round but from that point on Broad took a terrible lacing. At the end of the six rounds, his eyes were almost closed, his face battered out of shape. He was a tough man to knock out.

Terry ended the year of 1900 on Dec. 13 with a questionable two-round knockout over Joe Gans, "The Old Master," in Chicago. Gans had quit to Erne in the twelth round of a title match on March 23 that year.

According to an agreement, Joe had to scale 133 pounds against McGovern's 124. Failing to make the weight, Gans would have to forfeit half his purse. The second agreement was for Gans to knock out McGovern in order to win.

When Joe weighed in one pound and a quarter overweight, Terry's manager assured Gans he would waive the forfeit money if Terry won.

Terry swarmed all over his opponent in the first round, throwing bombs to the body and jaw that had Gans groggy at the bell.

Gans possessed a left that could be thrown with accurate force, yet he merely pawed with it in the second round. He took Terry's blows and did nothing but back away, wearing a scared look on his face.

Knocked down for the second time, Gans rolled over face down and was counted out before 17,000 fight fans. When Referee Siler ended the count, Gans got up and walked to his corner.

Instantly, the ringside sports writers denounced the bout as a fake. Chicago newspapers the next day pointed out that the public

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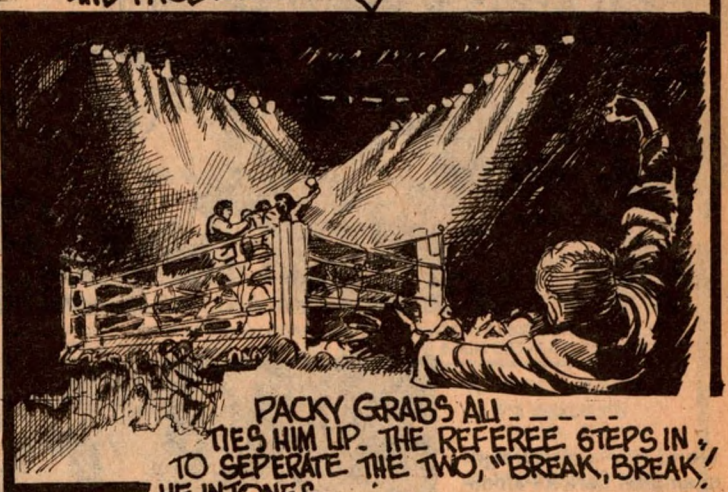

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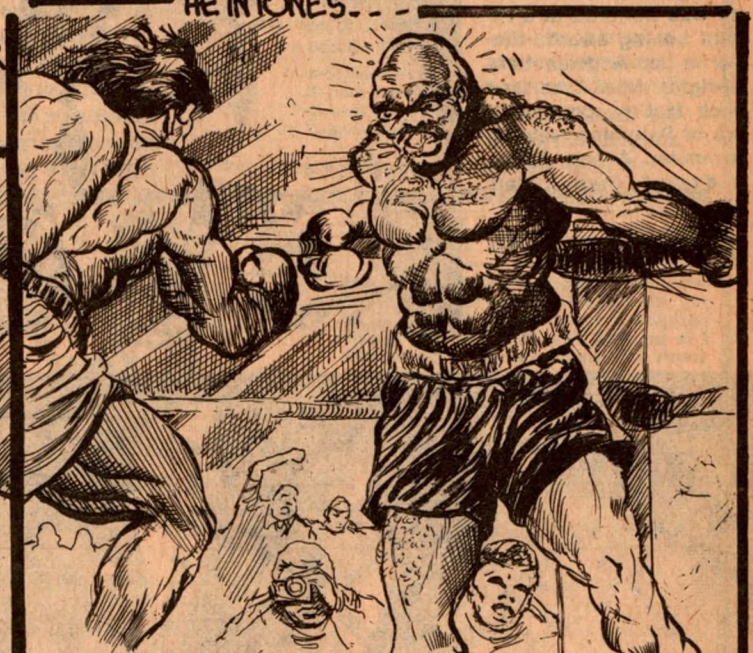

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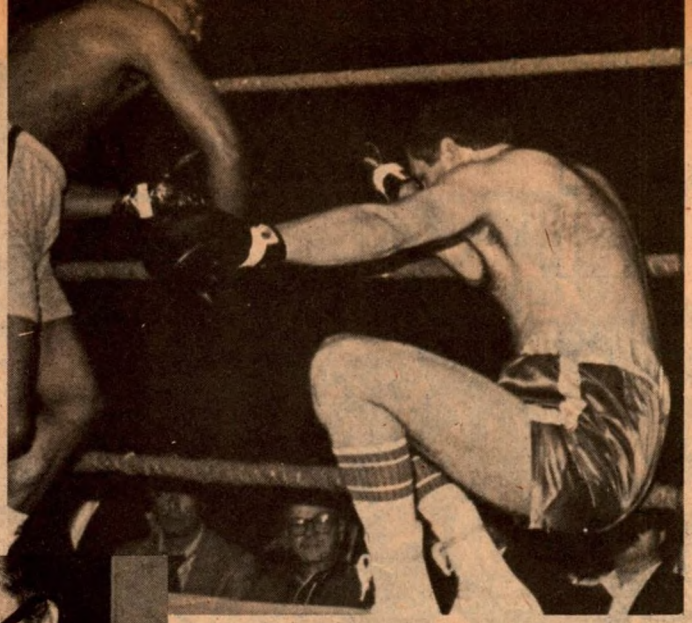

Fred Akew sends Jim Beattie to the canvas for one of two knockdowns in the first round of their ten-round bout in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Minnesota State Boxing Commission later changed Beattie's points win over Askew to "no contest." It was the first time a referee's decision had been reversed in Minnesota.

Jackie Tonawanda makes a fist at the camera while Marian Tyger Trimier is fingerprinted by Desmond Goertz at the headquarter of the New York State Athletic Commission. They were among the first women granted boxing licenses in New York State.

World welterweight champion Carlos Palomino was honored at a recent boxing awards dinner in Los Angeles. Left-to-right: Noe Cruz and Jack McCoy, co-managers of Palomino, veteran promoter Aileen Eaton, and referee Rudy Jordan.

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3—Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Walter Seeley, Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
5—Greg Coverson, Detroit, Mich.
6—Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
7—Luke Ervin, Jersey City, N.J.
8—Roy Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas
9—Beto Nunez, Phoenix, Ariz.
10—Alex Alatore, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Raymond Roman, Puerto Rico
12—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
13—Nacho Jiminez, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Ernesto Bing, Philadelphia, Pa.
15—Gonzalo Montellano, Reseda, Calif.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

* DANNY LOPEZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico
2—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
3—Ruben Castillo, Bakersfield, Calif.
4—Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
5—David Ramahlo, Lowell, Mass.
6—Gerald Hayles, East Orange, N.J.
7—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
8—Jimmy Martinez, Odessa, Texas
9—Alberto Collazo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
10—Jimmy Farrell, Rockland, Mass.
11—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
12—Grady Cantera, San Antonio, Texas
13—Robert Perez, Houston, Texas
14—Augie Pantellas, Philadelphia, Pa.
15—William Berry, Trenton, N.J.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

* TITLE VACANT
1—Al Sandoval, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Richard Rozelle, Columbus, Ohio
3—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—Nicky Perez, El Paso, Texas
8—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
9—Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
10—Artemio Jerome, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Ignacio Osorio, Los Angeles, Calif.
12—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
13—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
14—Julian Solis, Puerto Rico
15—Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico

FLYWEIGHTS

* TITLE VACANT
1—Jose Ortiz, Puerto Rico
2—Joey Olivio, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Freddy Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Mario Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
7—Mike Stuart, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Leo Randolph, Seattle, Wash.
9—Fred Jackson, Memphis, Tenn.
10—Orlando Maldonado, Puerto Rico

IN OLDE NEW ENGLAND

By DON HAMILL

Following the death of Sam Silverman, who had been promoting boxing throughout New England for the past thirty years with very little competition, a number of persons entered the promotional field. The good that ordinarily comes from competition gave promise of a boom in professional boxing in the New England sector. One by one the erstwhile promoters are fading from the scene, we in New England are still hoping that those still in the picture will lift boxing out of the doldrums. The results of the month follow:

▲YARMOUTH—Cape Cod Coliseum—Jimmy Lopez, 131, Lawrence, scored a unanimous ten round decision over Joe Phillips, 130, Pittsfield, in a pleasing bout before a slim crowd. Lopez' strength and harder punching proved to be the margin over the smoother boxing Phillips. There were no knockdowns and each round was closely contested.

Dom DiMarzo, 160, East Boston, easily disposed of Joe Moreault, 162, Lawrence, when he opened up in the fourth round of the eight round semi-final. Moreault was no match for the promising DiMarzo. Reinaldo Oliviera, 155, Carver, won in the second round when Billy Ramsey, 150, Lowell, quit after having made a creditable showing. Manny Freitas, 173, Lowell, brought down Benito Torres, 183, Passaic, N.J., in the third heat of a thrilling slugfest. Torres was dropped twice. Freddy Roach, 123, Dedham, battered Jose Maldonado, 131½, Passaic, freely and the latter was unable to come out for round six. Freddy is the son of Barbara Roach, Massachusett's boxing judge.

The Cape Cod Coliseum is located on the main highway of Cape Cod, a resort area during the summer months. The summer people and vacationers had departed by the time of the show and, unfortunately, enough interest could not be drummed up among the year-round residents.

▲NORTH PROVIDENCE Arena—Fernando Fernandez, 145, Brockton, romped to a unanimous eight-round decision over Billy Ramsey, 147, Lowell, before a pitifully small crowd. The classy Fernandez was never headed in a bout delayed by Ramsey's reluctance to enter the ring. Ramsey's performance belied his aversion by his putting up a pretty fair effort once he was in there.

Steve Zonski, 205, Brockton, halted Wayne Driscole, 211, Lowell, in the first round of the semi-windup. Jimmy Constantino, 175, Providence, Billy Bento's protege, turned pro with a four-round decision over Joe Moreault, 170, Lawrence. Mike Carnes, 143, Lowell, disposed of Danny Long, 151, South Boston, in the opening session. In another that failed to go beyond the first round, Avelino DosReis, 148, Waterbury, stopped Ralph Dumont, also 148, Lowell.

▲Paul J. Berube has been named to the Maine Boxing Commission. He is sixty-three years old and from Rumford. Berube has been around boxing most of his life. He boxed in the amateurs in the mid-1930's, and was a ring star. Since giving up active ring warfare, he has been a manager, trainer, second, referee, judge, timekeeper, and promoter. He is a very capable man who knows the sport from all facets.

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1979 CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW

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Hagler, Colbert and Antuofermo; WBA's top men are: Seales, Antuofermo and Valdez; WBC's are: Valdez, Harris and Minter. Two things are for sure, the T.V. people will give ex-champion Rodrigo Valdez another shot at the crown. He's the new Ralph Tiger Jones, of T.V.

Others to watch are Alan Minter, E.B.U. champion, ranked third by the WBC; Norberto Cabrera, Argentina, rated eighth by the Ring; seventh by the WBC.

The middles not likely to get a shot at Corro, unless the WBA or WBC takes Hugo's title away, will be U.S. champion Marvin Hagler, or Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore. whose only defeat was at the hands of Hagler.

Men ranked but who probably will not get title shots in 1979 are: Ronnie Harris, a loser against Corro, Tom Chiaverini, a rated fighter, and Mexican king Marcos Geraldo ranked sixth by the WBA, fifth by the Ring. Boxers not likely to get shots are: Daniel Mapanya, South Africa, Yae Do Yuh, South Korea and Loucif Hamani, France.

There could be a lot of action among the welterweights. The world champion Carlos Palomino will meet England's Welter king and WBC No. 1 Welter, Wilfred Benitez.

Standing in line to box the winner of the Palomino-Benitez match, will be the WBC's No. 3 man, Pedro Rojas of Venezuela; Harold Weston, New York, rated by the WBC fourth. Ring rates him five, WBA three. Also in line is South American king, Miguel Campanino, WBC seven, WBA two.

Jose Cuevas, Mexico, the WBA welter champ may face Weston, Campanino or Espada, all who have had shots and lost. The new names on Jose's list are: Ray Leonard, Scott Clark, Harold Volbrecht. Other men who have had shots at the welter title and lost but would like another chance Johnny Gant and Ryu Sorimach.

Another champion who holds all ends of his title, is Panama's Roberto Duran, world lightweight champion. The ring's number one man, as well as the WBC's and WBA's is Colombia's Alfredo Pitalua. So one would think he would get the next shot at Duran. Wrong! The ex-WBC junior lightweight king Alfredo Escalera or U.S. champion Johnny Lira, Chicago, will get the nod, if Madison Sq. Garden can put it together. Escalera is ranked by all three bodies as a junior lightweight. Lira is ranked in the lights number seven by the Ring, tenth, WBC and four WBA.

Vilomar Fernandez a big winner over Alexis Arguello, would like a rematch with Duran. Vilomar, is ranked second by WBA, third by the Ring and fifth by the WBC. EBU champion Jim Watt may get a shot before the year is up. Watt is rated number six by the Ring, two by the WBC and eighth by the WBA.

Others who will be in line for lightweight honors: Termite Watkins, ranked fifth, WBA, sixth, WBC, eighth, the Ring; Ernesto Espana, WBA's number six man from Venezuela, will have a good chance for a title bout.

The featherweight championship is split into two. The WBC's Danny Lopez of California and WBA's Eusebio Pedroza of Panama. The Ring's title is vacant.

Mr. Lopez's line of possible opponents include North American Federation champion, Mike Ayala of San Antonio, ranked No. 1 by the WBC, eighth by the WBA and EBU champion Roberto Gastannon of Spain, ranked second by the WBC eighth by the Ring. Sean O'Grady was a feather but now has grown into at least a lightweight. He was the next man for WBA king Pedroza, but his weight problem seems to preclude such a bout at this time. In 1979 Lopez may also face Roayl Kobayashi of Japan; Orient king, African champion Eddie Kdukwu and the Philippine's Fel Clemente.

As for Pedroza, if Sean O'Grady can't make the weight, it looks like another Panamanian, Hector Carrasquilla, will get the call. Hector is ranked No. 3 by the WBA, ninth by the Ring and sixth by the WBC. Two other men having a chance, Julio Pinilla, WBA seventh man and Rodolfo Francis, WBA, tenth. The WBA also rates, Fel Clemente, nine, Kobayashi, four, and O'Grady, two.

Both the Ring and the Panama based WBA recognize Jorge Lujan of Panama as the world bantamweight champion. The WBC, which is based in Mexico City, has Mexico's Carlos Zarate as their champion.

Lujan has just defeated the WBA No. 1 man, Alberto Davila. The WBC king, Zarate, also beat Davila. Next for Lujan on the WBA list is Al Sandoval, Los Angeles. WBC rates Al eighth, then comes former king, Mexico's Alfonso Zamora, WBA and WBC No. 3 and Ring's No. 8 man. Watch the WBA put up their No. 10 man Gilberto Illueca, of Panama and Nicaragua's Cleo Garcia, No. 4 for title bouts.

WBC's Carlos Zarate is scheduled to go against Puerto Rico's Wilfredo Gomez, the WBC super-bantamweight king, for Gomez's crown. If this doesn't come off then Carlos will have to find someone to fight among the following list, Julio Saba of Argentina, Shuichi Isogami of Japan, Roberto Rubaldino, and Jose Luis Soto of Mexico.

The two flyweight kings are WBA's Betulio Gonzalez of Venezuela and Mexico's Miguel Canto. The Ring recognizes king Canto as the real world flyweight champion.

The WBA champion Betulio Gonzales of Venezuela may meet Mexico's Guty Espada, for the title. The WBA rates, Martin Vargas of Chile, Prudencio Cardona of Colombia, who is also their junior feather king and Luis Ibarra, from Panama. Also Peter Mathebua of South Africa and Japan's Tsutomi Igarashi, Mexican's Antonio Avelar, Valentin Martinez and Samuel Machorro.

The WBC has six Latins and three men from the Orient and one from Europe. The entries from Mexico, Guty Espada, Adelaido Galindo and Alberto Morales. The Orient members of their top ten, Thailand's Tacomron Viboonchai, Japan's Shiegeo Nakajima and Hong Soo Yang of South Korea. From Europe Franco Udell of Italy is a possible challenger.

The Ring's top man include both WBA and WBC jr. flyweight champions, Netrnoi Vorasinghi of Thailand rated by the WBC and Yoko Gushiken by the WBA. Also in the Ring ranking is England's Charlie Magri and the Philippine's Bernabe Villacampo.

On the junior front, watch for WBC junior middle king Rocky Mattioli, Australia, to defend against, Eckhard Dagge, ex-champ from Germany and, also from Germany Frank Wissenbach. Edgar Ross, Orlando, Florida, has an outside chance as does Maurice Hope of England, the WBC no. 1 man.

WBA junior middleweight king and the ring world champion Masashi Kudo of Japan, also has Maurice Hope on top and Uganda's Ayub Kalule right behind. The Ring has Kalule as its top man. Watch for Gert Stein of South Africa, who may land a shot at the champion before ex-king Eddie Gazo gets a chance.

The world junior welter champion, Wilfred Benitez, will move up to the welters. That leaves WBA champ Antonio Cervantes and WBC king Saensak Muangsurin. There are rumors that Thailand's Muangsurin may retire due to bad opties.

The WBA's challengers for Cervante's title are: Joe Kimpuani, Zaire, Miguel Montilla, Dominican Republic and Carlos Giminez of Argentina.

The WBC list of challengers includes, Saoul Mamby of New York, Esteban DeJesus of Puerto Rico, Joe Kimpuani, Zaire and Bruce Curry of Los Angeles, Calif.

The ring's challengers include Domingo Ayala, who kayoed Bruce Curry for the U'S title, Jimmy Heair of Memphis as well as the men rated by the WBA and WBC.

The junior lightweight Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua, is the WBC king and Samuel Serrano of Puerto Rico; the Ring and WBA champion.

Arguello, WBC king, could give ex-WBC champion Escalera of Puerto Rico a rematch or move up and box Roberto Duran for the lightweight title.

Serrano of Puerto Rico, world and WBA king has as possible opponents Panaminian Reynaldo Hidalgo, South Africa's Nkosana Mgxaji, Venezuelian Lionel Hernandez and two South Koreans, Tae Ho Kim and Kwangmin Kim.

The Ring's top men are: Los Angeles Frankie Baltazar, Mexico's Rafael Limon and Arturo Leon of Phoenix, Arizona.

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

I picked MIKE ROSSMAN—VICTOR GALINDEZ had been unbeaten in his last 41 fights. but he had definitely faded his last two times out—GALINDEZ had defended his title (W.B.A. version) ten times—more often than other light-heavyweight champion except. BOB FOSTER (14)—but ROSSMAN was ready—he opened up old scar tissue around the Argentinian's eyes—who looked to his corner for help but it was not forthcoming—young MIKE ROSSMAN kept coming on—getting stronger—finally doing VICTOR GALINDEZ in—this is the first American to hold the light-heavyweight crown in ten years—MIKE is only 22 yrs. old and growing—he could very well blossom into a legitimate "white hope" among the heavyweights. . . . That's where the money is!! TONY UNITAS. who reigns as "Director" for the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame is probably the busiest and most dedicated boxing man in the Dominion—TONY heads the committee for the annual Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame Convention and Awards Dinner—at the Constellation Hotel in Toronto—where the tops in Canuck boxing are honored. A tip of the hat to TONY UNITAS—they don't make 'em any better or more active. JIM BEATTIE. who starred in the movie "The Great White Hope".. the story of JACK JOHNSON—is still active "inside the hemp". . . BEATTIE is winning around Minneapolis and St. Paul—plus boxing in small clubs in the mid-west—still hoping for a world title shot—. . . . Good to hear that DON BUCHAN. noted author and boxing veteran in Marathon. Iowa. is recovering successfully from a recent heart ailment . . . BUCHAN has authored another masterpiece—"The Albert City Caper" . . . which should be on the newsstands by this Yuletide season. . . . A real "heads up" fight promoter—BABE GRIFFIN out in San Francisco—the man keeps going on and on—just like 'old man river'—had a tremendous gate with his PETE RANZANY—JOSE CUEVAS title fight . . . MARVIN HAGLER got merely $15.000 for beating up on BENNIE BRISCOE in Philly—the promoter J. RUSSELL PELTZ went over 100 grand at the gate—. . . . HAGLER will have a problem garnering a "shot" at world champ. HUGO CORRO—as the Argentinians are "wise to Hagler's ability" . . . and have no desire to meet the Brockton. Mass.. southpaw at any time. New Boxing commissioners are SAM GOODMAN and LOU GOLD at Miami Beach—two guys who really know" "what's happening". . . . Former N.B.A. heavyweight king. ERNIE TERRELL is doing a great job at the promotional helm for shows at the Aragon in Chicago—TERRELL is breathing new life into the boxing game in the Windy City—something that has been lacking there for the past few years—keep up the good work ERNIE!! MIKE ROSSMAN's wife. MAXINE. gave her hubby a pair of crossed boxing gloves—gold of course—which he wears around his neck on a necklace—. . . . CHUCK WEPNER comes up with a classic on occasion—said recently. "I was 6 1" when I started fighting . . . but with all those uppercuts. I'm up to 6 5". " . . . LOU NOVA. "The Gentleman of Wit" . . . now plying his trade in Las Vegas . . . NOVA boxed the very best in the heavyweight division for years.. Scoring two knockouts over the late former chanp. MAX BAER. . . . LOU is now an accomplished comedian—and actor . . . NOVA recently appeared at Big Gil's—for a three night stand—Bill Gil is GILBERT STROMQUIST—who was a damn good heavyweight in his own right in the 1930's—GIL now owns the night-club in Austin. Texas. . . . Much of NOVA's comedy routine is based on his career as a fighter. He talks about the time he was to face a particularly large opponent. and his trainer's hands shook as he handed LOU his mouthpiece—. Then there was the fight with JOE LOUIS (Sept. 29th. 1941 at the old Polo Grounds in N.Y.C.). where his strategy of jabbing for six rounds then dropping the jab didn't work. "When I woke up he wasn't there. . . . " Nobody was there . . . I guess he didn't want to fight anymore"-Nova says with a grin . . . Today NOVA and JOE LOUIS are pals in Las Vegas . . . where they frequently chat with each other . . . LOUIS is feeling much better according to LOU. . . . NOVA's act can be booked through this writer. . . . . You have to hand it to PAT O'GRADY—father of featherweight SEAN—he gets the kinds name in "ink"—now a record is out—on 45 r.p.m.—"SEAN O'GRADY—LIVING LEGEND"—written an sung by TOM BRANCH. the Washita Valley Publ. Co.. in Oklahoma—real good—by Sham-Rock Recrods—Thanks for sending a copy along Pat!! TERMITE WATKINS. crack Orlando. Fla.. lightweight. will be shelved temporarily—with a "fractured mandible" . . . broken jaw to you laymen—!! 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A young agressive fight promoter making his niche—FRANK ZIMMERMAN in Curacao is the guy to watch—he's just 36. . . . MARCEL BIZIEN of Jersey City was a real fine welterweight in his day—not too many years back. managed by likeable. AL BACHMAN of N.Y.C.—today BIZIEN is a bouncer at the Copacabana in N.Y.C. . . during his 18-year boxing career. BIZIEN fought in three divisions: light. welter and middleweight—his ring record was 46 wins. 14 losses and 2 draws—his amateur standings were 44 wins and 7 losses . . . a very enviable record indeed! MARCEL has three sons—all will be competing in the Golden Gloves this year. . . . MARCEL. JR is 18—YVONNE is 16—and little LOUIS will have to wait a bit—he's merely 14—but he's ready. DANNY "LITTLE RED" LOPEZ picked up $155.000 for his two round kayo of Argentine's JUAN MALVAREZ on the ALI-SPINKS undercard at New Orleans . . . LOPEZ was "on the floor" in the opening canto. but as usual—DANNY got up and croaked the other guy—as was expected. . . . 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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

BALTAZAR KAYOES HERRERA

LOS ANGELES — Frankie Baltazar's chances of a title fight within the next year improved with his impressive fifth round knockout over Ernesto Herrera of Monterey, Mexico.

The flashy southpaw from La Puente knocked out Herrera after forty-nine seconds of the fifth at the Olympic Auditorium.

Baltazar, 130, lost the opening round, but bounced back in the second round to drop Herrera twice.

Herrera recovered to take the third round, but young Frankie won the fourth by pressing the fight.

Early in the fifth, the twenty-year-old prospect connected with a right hook that sent Herrera sprawling on his back. It was immediately evident that Ernesto couldn't beat the count.

The junior lightweight contender now has an 18-1-1 record that includes nine knockouts. Baltazar weighed 130, Herrera, 130.

A good sized gathering of over 3,000 was on hand.

In a companion ten, Fidel Fraijo, 134½, Los Angeles, took a lively ten-rounder from Jose Rodriguez, 134¼, Los Angeles.

Other results: Jose (Rocky) Garcia, 125, Los Angeles, knocked out Jose Claudio, 123, Mexico, two; Jorge Fernandez, 148, Los Angeles, won a decision over Gil Valdez, 146½, Mexico, five.

▲BAKERSFIELD — Flashy Ruben Castillo, 127½, Bakersfield, outclassed Julio Leal, 128, Mexico, to register an eighth round knockout at Kern County Fairgrounds.

In a second ten, unbeaten Nicky Perez, 128, Tucson, decisioned Antonio Hernandez, 125½, Mexico.

The show was held in conjunction with the closed circuit telecast of the Cuevas-Ranzany title fight and drew a good gate of $13,058.

▲LOS ANGELES — If you ask Raul Pacheco of Mexicali, Albert Sandoval has certainly improved!

In their first encounter two years ago, it took the Pomona Superfly five rounds to do the job. This time, in a scheduled ten-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium, Sandoval finished his man in two rounds.

Sandoval, 118, started fast and soon rocked his backpedaling opponent. When the second round got under way, Albert continued his blitzing offensive and floored him near the end of the round.

The attack by Sandoval continued and at the end of the round, Pacheco's cornerman, Phil Silver, agreed with referee Kenny Davis that the fight should be stopped.

According to California Commission rules, it goes as a second round knockout win for Sandoval—his twenty-eighth victory against one loss. Pacheco, from Mexicali, Mexico, weighed 117.

The crowd was 2670 and the gate $7940.

Other results: Francisco Caba, 125½, Dominican Republic, stopped David Barrera, 124, Mexico, four; Noe Rivera, 129½, Mexico, KO over Rocky Garcia, 126½, Los Angeles, five; Petrolino Velasquez, 135, Pacoima, KO over Jose Osuna, 137, Mexico, six.

▲LOS ANGELES — Oscar Muniz, 119, Pico-Rivera, had to step on the gas to edge Melvin Johnson, 118½, Clovis, New Mexico, in their ten-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

The win was number fifteen against one loss and three draws for young Muniz. He was well out in front in the early rounds, then faded and allowed Johnson to come close in the middle frames.

Muniz then came on with a spirited finish to grab the unanimous decision. The scoring went like this: Referee Chuck Hassett, 97-93; judge Larry Rozadilla, 98-93 and judge George Latka, 97-94.

In a co-featured ten-rounder, Luis Rodriguez, 140, Panama, made his local debut a rousing success with a third round knockout over Abraham Perez, 140, Los Angeles.

The victory upped the Panamian's record to 15-1 with seven knockouts.

Other results: Cresenio Juarez, 118, Glendale, KO over John Giron, 118½, Los Angeles, four; Joe Casteneda, 133, Los Angeles, KO over Henry Gill, 130, Los Angeles, three.

▲STOCKTON — Busy Francisco Flores, 126, a student at Cal State-Northridge University, came through with a major upset. Flores took the measure of ranking featherweight Fel Clemente, 126, Stockton, in twelve rounds at Civic Auditorium.

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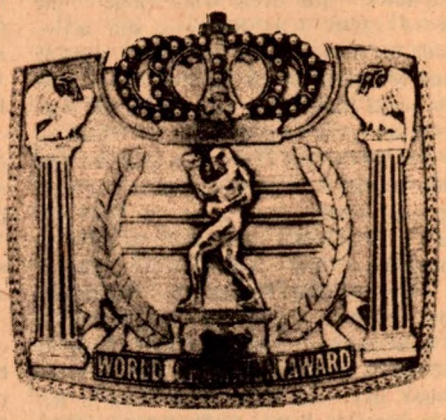

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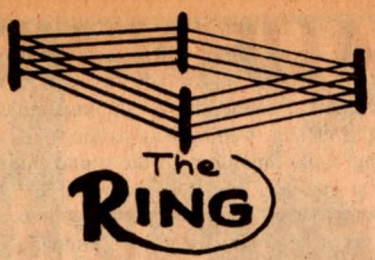

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SUGAR RAY GOES ON HIS WAY! LEONARD DEFEATS SHIELDS

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Morton then towels off Ray, and the fighter spends another round shaking out before moving to the exercise table where he does two sets of 10 situps, his torso hanging over the edge. It is obviously tough work and the medicine ball session which follows, also takes its toll.

Soon, "Sugar Ray" is back in his robe and ready to talk to *The Ring*, while an attractive female television reporter waits her turn in the background. "I was a little tight today, but it's no problem," said Ray, "I'm always in shape."

Asked if he felt pressure from the upcoming Shields fight, Ray was a veritable ice man. "I don't feel anything right now, I'm just going out to do a job—but I never underestimate an opponent. Ray said that the program was a considerable jump from the amateurs, but one he thoroughly enjoyed. "I feel like I did it on my own, but you need a couple of close friends to motivate you," said Ray, "otherwise it's an independent sport and it all depends on you." Ray quickly added that his immediate circle of attorney Mike, Trainer, Angelo Dundee, Jacobs and his Dad, Cicero, were the key figures in his rise to fame.

Now living in an apartment in Largo, Md., near the Capital Centre, Ray has maintained a modest life style, although he recently made an exception by splurging on a beige 1979 Lincoln. "Success has a tendency to spoil people, but not me," said Ray, "it comes and goes so quick. My main thing now is to take care of my Mom and Dad, before I do my own thing."

Training continued through the week at Oakcrest with Jacobs putting "Sugar Ray" through six arduous five-minute rounds each day with sparring partners Henry Bunch and Keith Broom. By Monday morning before the fight, the Olympic Gold Medalist was rounding into fine condition. Fight headquarters were then moved to the Baltimore Civic Center, where Ray worked out each day at noon, after completing five miles of roadwork in nearby Druid Hill Park.

ON Friday night, the Civic Center crowd of 10,067 which had paid a record gate of $77,434.50, was crackling with excitement . . . the rumble was on.

Shortly before 10 p.m. the principals appeared—Shields attired in green plush robes and trunks, with little fanfare—and Ray dressed in red plush robe, dotted with stars and white trunks, while strains of the Olympic Theme blasted through the auditorium.

The bout started off fast and remained that way through ten blistering rounds. In the first round, taller Shields stayed outside, demonstrating a remarkable pair of quick hands as he frustrated Ray's efforts. Round two was a good one for Ray as he managed to avoid Shields' snaky jab and landed two big rights. In round three, Shields suddenly changed tactics, bulling Ray to the ropes and scoring well. Shields won the round but suffered a cut near the left eye when the pair accidentally butted.

Heeding the pleas of Angelo Dundee, Ray backed off Shields, danced when rushed, and landed powerful left-right combinations to Shields' head. Leonard, learning fast, repeated the maneuvers in the succeeding rounds, and refused to be suckered by the more sophisticated Shields.

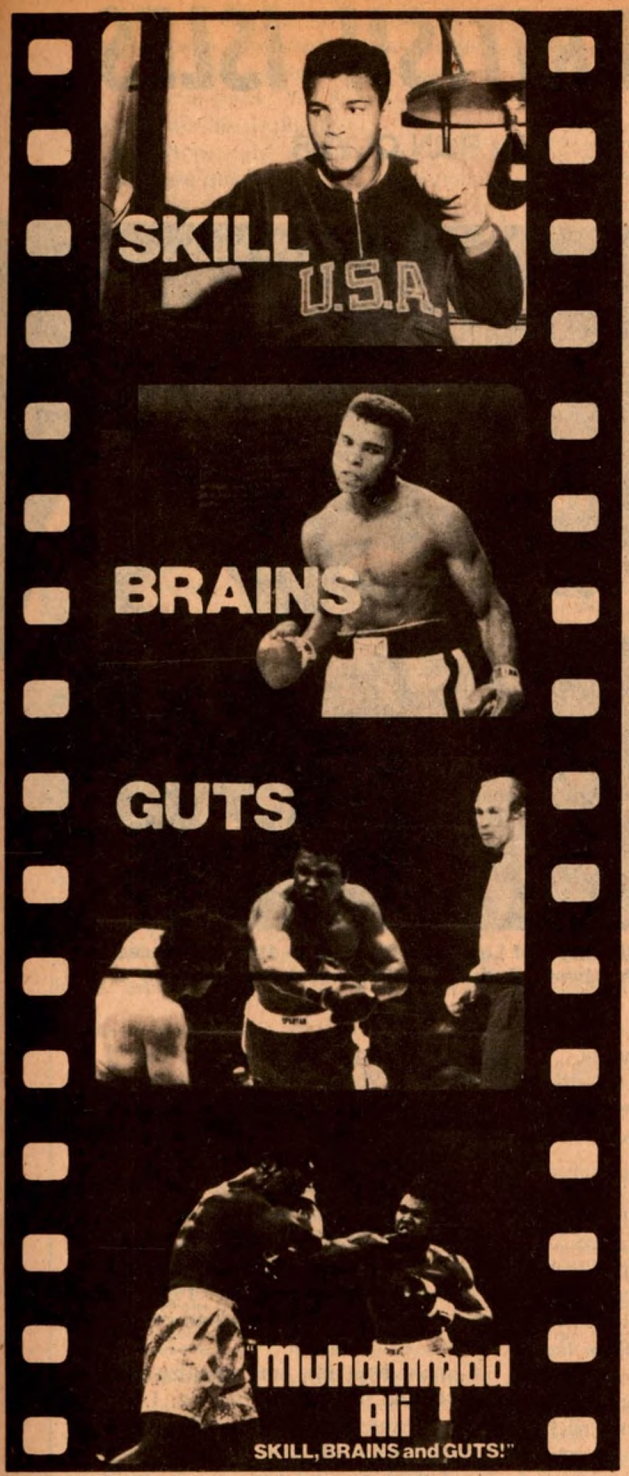
In the late rounds, the crowd was whipped into a raging fury as they cheered "Sugar Ray" down the stretch. Both Ray and Randy responded with stepped-up performances. Action was so hot, in fact, that in the ninth round when referee Tom Kelly broke a clinch he was accidentally hammered by a "Sugar Ray" left hook. Ray immediately apologized and the bout continued, although Harry Cecchini filled in for Kelly in the final round.

While both battlers received a standing ovation for their performances, there was tension in the air until the scoring was announced. The result, unanimously for Leonard: referee Tom Kelly 49-43; judge Harry Cecchini 48-45; judge Ray Klingmeyer 47-44.

"In all honesty it was a very tough fight," admitted "Sugar Ray" afterwards. "I tried to make him lose his composure. I just want to say that I have the heart and I'm going to be champion—nobody's going to stop me."

IN a semi-windup ten-rounder, middleweight Lamont Lovelady TKO'd veteran Leo Saenz when the Mexican failed to come out for the eighth round, allegedly due to a broken right hand. In the earlier rounds, however, Lovelady had pitched a virtual shutout with a sharp left hook. As the rounds continued, Lovelady began to get the right working, and by the end of the bout, Saenz' face was a mess. As he has been so often recently, Saenz was in less than adequate shape—but take nothing away from Lovelady—the young man fought a smart, an effective fight. Lovelady, who weighed 161½, is now 11-4, while Saenz, 165¼, sinks to 26-5-2.

In a quality heavyweight six-rounder, Wendell Bailey, 203, Baltimore, proved too savvy for 6 5", 250-pound Dave Johnson, Seat Pleasant. And in other preliminaries, "Sweet" Roger Leonard, the 25-year-old brother of Ray and a former Air Force welter champ, ran his pro record to 2-0 when he stopped gun-shy Eliot Freeman, 147¼, Philadelphia, at 2:04 of the third. Leonard weighed 151. Ali "Sombrero" Hughes, 138½, Baltimore, fought a colorful battle against Ronnie Branch, 141, Baltimore, with a lot of give and take on both sides; the officials called it a draw.



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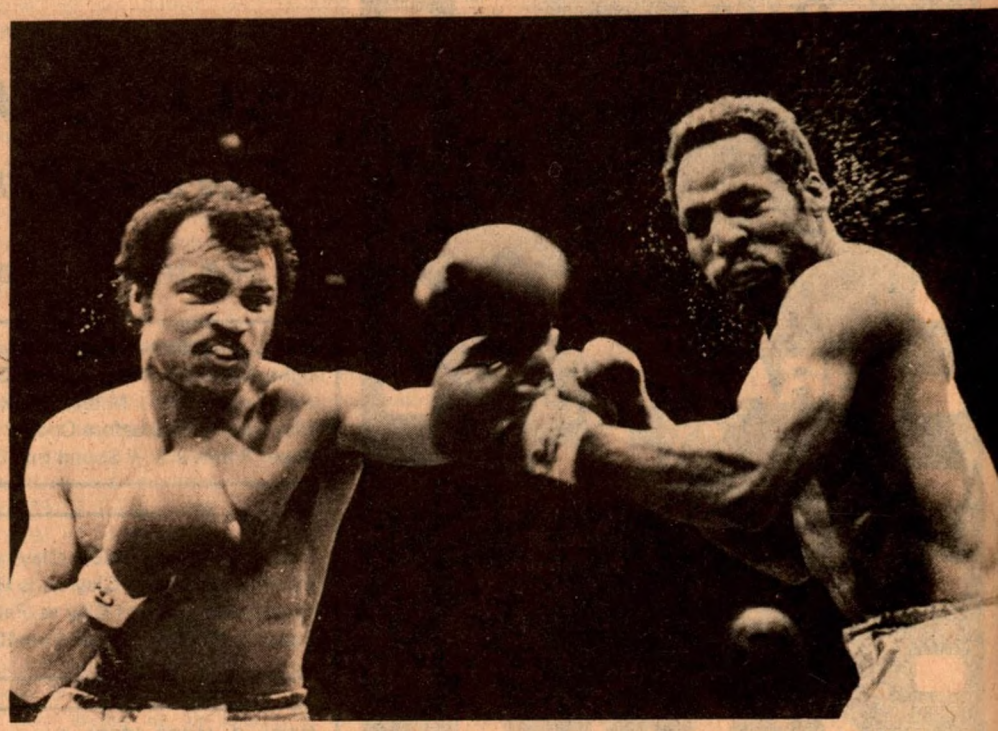

John Conteh lands a left hook to the head of Leonardo Rodgers in their scheduled ten-rounder at Wembley Pool. Conteh kayoed Rodgers with a short right at 1:15 of the seventh.

WEMBLEY POOL — The Punch Of The Year! That's how ringsiders were describing the short right with which John Conteh, former World lightheavyweight champion, 177¾, kayoed Leonardo Rodgers, Dominican Republic, 176, in the seventh of a scheduled ten-rounder.

Although Conteh was getting on top at that particular stage it had not been easy for him, and the margin between them must have been small.

Considering he came in as a late substitute, Rodgers put up a remarkably good performance, and it was just the sort of test that Conteh needed if he is to regain his old World crown.

It was three years since John's last appearance in this Wembley ring, and he was obviously delighted at the manner of his victory.

The crowd was not as large as might have been expected, but they certainly made a lot of noise, and there were tremendous scenes of enthusiasm when the knockout came.

When Conteh's original opponent, Richie Kates, had to withdraw, it could not have been easy to find a suitable substitute at such short notice.

Rodgers had engaged in only thirteen bouts, winning eleven, but was Central American and Caribbean champion, and highly rated by the WBC. The fact that he was a southpaw seemed to be known to only a few, and certainly Conteh and his mentors were unaware of this until he arrived.

Conteh had trained like a beaver for this fight, and this showed in his approach. There was a new determination in his work, especially in the way he persistently moved forward to the attack.

Yet Rodgers was no lamb to the slaughter, and no respecter of reputations. He boxed effectively, punched hard and shook his man once or twice with left crosses.

Rodgers used his longer reach to good purpose, and in the sixth he rocked Conteh to his very foundations with a left to the head, although the latter remained upright.

It took John three or four rounds to settle into a rhythm, and after that he got well into his stride, with snappy lefts to head and body.

His concentration on the body was probably the decisive factor. This is what weakened Rodgers after the halfway stage.

Conteh's style was a little more open than usual. He seemed to be willing to risk being hit in order to land his own effective punches, and this certainly paid off in the final analysis.

In the sixth, after John had survived a vicious left hand to the head, he came back immediately to score with left jabs and hooks. Rodgers now looked a trifle weary, and had to contend with a couple of minor cuts by the right eye.

Even so, there was no indication of a premature ending. It was obvious that Rodgers was not the same force that he had been earlier, but he was still in there fighting.

Then, after 1 min. 15 sec. of the seventh, it happened. Conteh saw his opening, over came a peach of a short right to the jaw, and Rodgers went to the canvas, to be counted out by referee Harry Gibbs.

The final punch was an instant reflex action. That right hand had been broken on a couple of previous occasions, and I would think this must have a psychological effect, which could cause John to think that if he throws a hard right, it could break again.

This time it all happened too quickly for him to think, and consequently he must now have the confidence to use it normally.

Conteh said afterwards that the "killer" punch was the best he had ever thrown.

"I was delighted to win in this manner at Wembley," he said. "Perhaps I was a little too over-eager at first, but once I got going I knew I would win. The knockout punch was a bonus.

"I could hear the fans shouting encouragement, and this spurred me on. I hope it will be possible for me to have another fight before the end of the year."

Good thinking, and I'm sure it would be to John's advantage if this could be arranged. In spite of arduous training and this great victory, there is no substitute for time spent in actual contests when it comes to sharpening up and getting the timing right.

An example was his fight for the World title against Mate Parlov in Belgrade four months earlier. The verdict in Parlov's favour was disputed, but points lost in the early rounds could well have ensured a Conteh victory.

It was easy for former British and European middleweight champ Kevin Finnegan, Iver, 163¼, who won every round in outpointing American Bobby Patterson, New

Jersey, 159¾, over eight. Scoreline 80-76.

Finnegan won this much as he pleased, boxing coolly, and making his opponent look like a novice at times. Yet Bobby should be commended for his durability.

Maurice Hope, who recently gave up his European light-middle crown to concentrate on his World title aspirations, beat Puerto Rican Alfonso Hayman, the bout being stopped in the fifth of a scheduled ten. Both were inside 156.

An excellent display by Hope, who seemed to have his man on the verge of defeat on several occasions. Hayman was plucky enough, but was outclassed.

Cornelius Boza-Edwards, Harrow, outscored George Feeney, Hartlepool, 135¾, by 79½-77½ over eight. Feeney fully extended his opponent, and by the end they had punched each other to a standstill.

This was Boza's fourteenth win (thirteen inside the schedule) in fifteen bouts, and he soon realized that he was unlikely to gain another quick victory. Boza's nose bled and he was cut by the right eye, but he deserved the win.

Stan McDermott, 218¾, beat George Scott, Newcastle, 210¼, the referee intervening in the fifth after Scott had been down twice.

Steve Lewin, 168¼, defeated Boyd Farrar, 168½, the bout being stopped in the later stages of the sixth and final round when Farrar had ceased to fight back.

Austin Owens, Reading, 126, beat Larry Richards, Leicester, 128¼, the contest being halted after Richards had been knocked through the ropes on to the ring apron. He got back to beat the count, but was again subjected to punishment.

▲Wembley Conference Centre — This was Mickey Duff's first promotion at this new venue, and it was topped by an exciting British light middleweight title fight, in which champion Jimmy Batten, 152, beat game Tony Poole, the Southern Area titleholder, 152¼, who was retired by his corner at the end of the thirteenth round because of a badly cut nose.

Since this contest Poole has announced his retirement from the ring, and will become a promoter.

This sort of ending was always on the cards. Poole is as brave as they come, and only when his injuries were too serious for him to continue would he concede defeat. Even then, it was on the advice of his corner.

The same thing happened to Tony in his first attempt at a British title. Back in 1976 he was stopped by facial injuries against Maurice Hope in 12 rounds.

This kind of courage will always be remembered, and there were times against Batten that he looked like taking over, especially with his frequent body attacks.

But Jimmy survived, kept his jab working, concentrated on his skills, never losing his cool, and in the end the challenger's injuries were too severe.

It was Batten's second successful defence of the crown he won early last year, and he thus becomes the proud possessor of the Lonsdale Belt outright.

There has been talk of Jimmy dropping down a weight, but nothing has yet been decided.

It was blow for blow most of the way, with Poole's big chance coming in the seventh round. He forced the champion back, caused his nose to bleed, finally bringing Batten to his knees with a left to the body.

The bell sounded, the count continued, but at "three" Batten was able to rise and return to his corner.

Unfortunately for Poole, Jimmy made a good recovery during the interval, and the champ had a good eighth round, beating his man to the punch and delivering the cleaner blows.

By now Poole's nose bled, there were marks around his eyes and his face showed the effect of Batten's accurate punching. Yet he continued to come forward in the tenth, concentrating on the body, and early in the round it looked as if Jimmy was wilting. But like all good champions the latter bided his time, then did some scoring on his own account.

This must have nonplussed Poole, who could have been forgiven for wondering how the champ had survived. From that point Batten kept ahead, Poole now bled from the mouth, and it came as no surprise when his retirement was signified.

British flyweight champ Charlie Magri, 111¼, stopped Italian Sabatino De Filippo, 112½, in the seventh of a scheduled eight-rounder, the referee intervening when the Italian signified he had had enough.

points No trouble for Magri, except in the fourth, when he was cut below the left eye, the first time in his pro career that he had sustained such an injury.

De Filippo was quite willing to have a go, and gave Magri no respite. But the taller Magri took his time, set his man up, and when the opportunity came, he took it.

A left hook put the Italian on the deck in the third, but he got up to resume hostilities, and Charlie couldn't put him down again. The British champ's next chance came in the seventh, when he caught his man with a right to the chin, and followed up with both hands working.

The Italian was visibly shaken, and was soon waving his arm in surrender. The bout was then officially stopped.

Another good performance by Magri, against an opponent who is rated No. 9 in Europe.

Tony Sibson, Leicester, 165½, beat Keith Bussey, 167¾, Bermondsey, the bout being stopped in the eighth and final round after the latter had been decked. He had been down three times altogether.

Sibson is regarded as one of Britain's best young prospects, but Bussey extended him all the way, and obviously had no respect for reputations.

Bussey was down in the very first round, but was up immediately, and fighting back. He threw a lot of leather, but not all landed, and Sibson was content to pick his punches.

Keith was down again in the fourth, but up within a couple of seconds, and it seemed that he was the busier of the two.

In the beginning of the seventh it looked as if Sibson had made up his mind, or had been instructed, that perhaps the issue was too close for comfort, and that he must assert himself. From then on he was in charge.

Left hooks found their target on Bussey's face, right crosses had Keith hanging on, and this state of affairs continued in the eighth, with Sibson trying to extricate himself from his opponent's clinching tactics.

Eventually he did so, caught Bussey with a right to the head, and down he went, still hanging on. Tony managed to shake him off and the count reached eight before Keith rose, only for the referee to intervene.

Gary Davidson, Bermondsey, 121½, was as usual cut around the eyes, but still managed to keep his unbeaten record and gain a comfortable victory over Neil McLaughlin, Derry, 116½. Scoreline after eight 79½-77½.

A good bout to watch, Davidson varying his attacks cleverly, against a useful opponent who showed a good right hand, but which was without a lot of power.

Gary concentrated on the body, and picked up a couple of warnings for blows that strayed low. In spite of cuts around both eyes he remained in command throughout.

Debutant Austin Owens, Reading, 126¾, beat John Flynn, Crawley, 127, the referee intervening in the sixth and final round to save the latter from further punishment.

Nobbins came in at the end, and game Flynn is to be commended on remaining upright. It was a good start for Owens.

Billy English, Rosehill, 152½, outscored Dennis Price, Wolverhampton, 150, over six by 59½-58.

▲Wakefield Theatre Club — Paul Sykes, 210, the local heavyweight star, beat American Dave Wilson, 206, in three rounds, and the latter was taken unconscious from the ring to the hospital. At one time there was some anxiety about his condition, but it is understood that he is now making a slow but steady recovery.

Wilson was decked in the first round, when it looked as though he had fallen over his own feet, and he got up before a count could be started.

The New England champion showed good defensive tactics in the second, but it was obvious that Sykes was the heavier puncher.

Nevertheless the ending was totally unexpected. It all started with a vicious right that shook the American to his very foundations. As he put his gloves in front of his face he was driven to the ropes by a determined Sykes, who could see the writing on the wall.

Paul slammed away with both hands, Wilson sagged over the top rope and finally slumped to the canvas.

The referee intervened, and it was all over in 1 min. 21 sec. of the third round.

A sad occasion for Wilson, who came with a good reputation, but how often have we seen the whole course of a fight altered by just one punch.

Sykes was understandably very upset, visited his opponent regularly in the hospital, and when he was discharged Dave stayed at Paul's home prior to returning to the States.

Young McEwan, Birmingham, 162, kayoed Dave Owens, Castleford, 162, in 2 min. 4 sec. of the first round. A right to the body did the trick.

McEwan remains unbeaten in eight bouts.

Selvin Bell, Manchester, 131½, beat Tony Vernon, Kettering, 135, the bout being stopped in the second round after Vernon had been on the canvas.

Richard Kenyon, Halifax, 159, defeated Brian Gregory, Doncaster, 161, the referee intervening in the fifth when Gregory was cut by the left eye. An unsatisfactory ending, but Kenyon looked to be in control.

Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 114, stopped George Bailey, Bradford, 113, in the eighth and final round on the referee's intervention. Bailey had been down in the sixth and was considerably under pressure when the end came.

Mick Bell, 139¾, outscored Eric Wood, Doncaster, 138, over eight by 79-77. Wood has been a pro for just over twelve months, and this was his 25th contest.

▲Barry Memorial Hall — Roddy Evans, Pontypool, 138, outpointed Dai Davies, over eight by 79½-78½. This was only Evans' second bout since a six-year absence from the ring.

Welshman Charlie Brown, 135, who had a fine amateur career, made an impressive pro debut by kayoing Shaun Durkin, Bradford, 137, in three. Durkin was also down at the end of the first.

Terry Chard, Newport, 215, took full advantage of his superior weight in outscoring Eddie Vierling, Southampton, 184, by 60-58½, over six, not losing a round.

John (brother of Terry) Chard, Newport, completed a family double by outpointing Dennis Powell, Rhondda, 151, over six by 59½-58½.

Pip Coleman, 121, is only 5 feet tall, but he made a successful pro debut by outpointing Steve Cleak, Porthcawl, 120¾, over six by 60-58. Many thought Cleak deserved at least a draw, but all agreed it was a grand scrap.

▲Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford — Prince Rodney, nineteen year old from Huddersfield, 152, beat

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5. Monty Betham (NZ)
6. Fernand Marcotte (C)
7. Bunny Sterling (J)
8. Jean-Claud Leclair (C)
9. Kenny Bristol (Guy.)
10. Viti Paterson (NZ)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant.)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Jimmy Batten (E)
3. Wally Carr (A)
4. Elisha Obed (Bah)
5. Jim Gillon (A)
6. Lary Paul (E)
7. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
8. Dave Proud (E)
9. Kenny Webber (E)
10. Torkanu Marcos (A)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. Sakari Ve (Fiji)
3. John H. Stracey (E)
4. Chris Clark (C)
5. Neil Pattel (A)
6. Eddie Marcelle (Tr)
7. Ali Afkasi (NZ)
8. Henry Rhiney (J)
9. Vernon Lewis (Guy.)
10. Billy Waith (W)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jeff Malcolm (A)
1. Lachie Austin (A)
2. Colin Powers (E)
3. Clinton McKenzie (J)
4. Des Morrison (J)
5. Frank Ropis (A)
6. Josef Nsubuga (U)
7. Ralph Racine (C)
8. Joey Singleton (E)
9. Andy Broome (A)
10. Joey Gibilsco (A)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Len Blackmore (Guy.)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Claude Noel (Tr)
3. Charlie Nash (I)
4. Jonathan Dele (N)
5. Billy Mulholland (A)
6. Barry Michael (A)
7. Johnny Claydon (E)
8. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
9. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
10. Gaeton Hart (C)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Dave Needham (E)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. Les Pickett (W)
5. Alan Richardson (E)
6. Jimmy Flint (E)
7. Nick Lo Blanco (A)
8. Brian Schofield (A)
9. Paddy Graham (I)
10. Gerry Duffy (S)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Sulley Shittu (G)
2. Paul Ferreri (A)
3. Johnny Owen (E)
4. Wayne Evans (W)
5. Gary Davidson (E)
6. John Feeney (E)
7. Pedro Solo (A)
8. Wally Angliss (E)
9. George Sutton (W)
10. Roger Rienens (A)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Z)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Steve Bell (A)
3. Glen Walsh (A)
4. Charlie Brown (A)
5. Neil McLaughlin (I)
6. John Hipwell (A)
7. Wayne Mulholland (A)
8. Sharkey Hughes (A)
9. Gary Bice (A)
10. Bobby Williams (A)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Billy Moeller (A) is leading contender.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Leroy Jones beat Mike Weaver, 12 (NABF Heavyweight Title)
Alfredo Evangelista stopped Joe Maye, 3
Tyrone Harlee beat Bob Stallings, 6
Scott LeDoux and Bill Sharkey, drew, 10
Hennie Thoonen halted George Jerome, 4
Jean Pierre Coopman stopped Scotty Welsh, 1, lost to Rudi Gauwe, 12
Gilberto Acuna kayoed Tony Moore, 6
Les Stevens beat Christian Poncelet, 8
Rab Affleck whipped Bobby Hennessey, 8
Calvin Cross halted Pedro Agosto, 3, Larry Beilfuss, 6
Luke Capiano stopped Carl Halliburton, 1
Sugar Bear Williams lost to Jimmy Phillips, 6
Earl McLeay stopped George Mostardini, 3
Ernie Smith beat Willie Stoglin, 4
Terry Krueger beat Ismael Ruiz, 10
Mike Weaver stopped Mike Creel, 2, Bernardo Mercado, 5
Franco Thomas beat Elliott Bryant, 10
Jesse Prieto beat Walter Cloud, 4
Eddie Lopez beat S.T. Gordon, 10
Earnie Shavers kayoed John Gerowski, 1
Leroi Boone beat Harold Carter, 6
Quinnie Locklear beat Brad Crane, 6
Duane Bobick stopped Speedy Jordan, 1
Conrad Tooker stopped Joe Black, 1
Scott Frank beat Chuck Wepner, 12, kayoed John McGrath, 2
Bob Stallings beat Broderick Mason, 4
Dave Bird halted Joy Hayes, 4
Greg Sorrentino beat John Warr, 10, lost to Trevor Berbick, 10
Guy Casale and Mike Tarasewich drew, 8
Philip Shevak beat Terry Kidd, 4
(Jim Beattie's ten-round win over Fred Askew has been changed to a "no contest")

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

John Conteh halted Leo Rodgers, 7
Matt Franklin stopped Yaqui Lopez, 11 (U.S. Light Heavy Title), Freddie Bright, 8
James Scott halted Freddie Brown, 4, beat Eddie Gregory, 12
Rudi Koopmans kayoed Nat Gates, 9
Bunny Johnson stopped Sylvain Watbled, 6
Clyde Mudget outpointed Alvin Dominey, 12
Jacques Chinon beat Charley Schultz, 8
Henry Sims kayoed Lee Thomas, 3
Karl Zurheide and Julius Noble drew, 10
Harry DeCosey halted Billy Williams, 2
Sal San Filippo halted Mike Johnson, 2
Robert Maldonado stopped Andy Dunklin, 3
Danman Lacy halted Arthur Henderson, 3

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Hugo Corro beat Willie Warren, 10 (Non-Title)
Tony Chiaverini halted Mike Evans, 4
Rudy Robles halted Mike Colbert, 5
Elijah Makhatini halted Daniel Mapanya, 7
Daniel Mapanya beat Dan Snyder, 10
Matteo Salvemini halted Trento Facciocchi, 7
(Italian Middleweight Title)
Roosevelt Green beat Imara Epesi, 4
Mustafa Hamsho halted Boogaloo Watts, 6
Wilford Scypion halted Carlos Terrazas, 2
Tony Bazemore beat Pat Barry, 6, Jose Rodriguez, 4
John Howard stopped Jose Rodriguez, 2, Tony Bazemore, 4
Roxell Mosley, Jr. beat Wilson Bell, 10
Anthony Bazemore stopped Lawrence Luster, 1
Bobby Gill beat Mike Murray, 10
Henry Hearns halted Lee Kahey, 4

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Jimmie Batten halted Tony Poole, 13
(British Jr. Middleweight Title)
Ayub Kalule stopped Milton Owens, 6
Rocky Mattioli halted Freddie Boynton, 7
Maurice Hope kayoed Alfonso Hayman, 5
Elisha Obed lost to Marijan Benes, 8
Edgar Ross beat Kelvin Jackson, 10
Gert Steyn halted Loyiso Mtya, 5
Charlie Weir stopped Steve Smith, 2
Chief Ketchinakow beat Billy Morino, 4
Bobby Orr whipped Warren Thunder, 6
Warren Thunder stopped Franklin Wilson, 1
Ricky Weigel beat Agapito Ramirez, 10
Amador Ramos beat Wilbert Ramos, 5

WELTERWEIGHTS

Harold Weston kayoed Sam Macias, 4
Ray Leonard beat Randy Shields, 10
Alain Marion beat Danny McAlloon, 10
Marciano Bernardi beat Tyrone Phelps, 6
Clement Tshinza stopped Justice Ortiz, 5
Luis Lara Acosta beat Jan Beneke, 6
Eddie Marcelle lost to Jorgen Hansen, 8, beat Fitzroy Guisseppi, 15
Hans Henrik Palm beat Terry Petersen, 8
Sylvester Gordeon whipped Carl Bailey, 8
Peter Sio stopped Mi Whan Ki, 3
Chris Sanigar halted Bob Bravado, 5
James Eddie Parks beat Sultan Muhammed, 6
Bruce Strauss beat Rocky Cosmo, 6
Patrick Murphy beat Winston Noel, 8
Alejos Rodriguez halted Tom Pinnee, 5
Luis Alonzo was stopped by Frank Lawson, 3
Charles Cook beat Geraldo Valencia, 6
Miguel Garcia and Danny Donatto drew, 6
Jorge Morales beat Howard Jackson, 10
Zeferino Gonzales beat Jimmy Jackson, 10
Rudy Barro beat Victor Abraham, 10
Babs McCarthy won over Jose Palacios, 10

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Adrian "Nani" Marrera beat Jimmy Heair, 10
James Wallace halted Baby Ray Barrett, 4
Eddie Nuno stopped Willie Daniels, 5
Louis Daniels beat Gerardo Valencia, 6, then beat Francisco Casas, 4
Pablo Baes stopped Horace Sufford, 9
Eddie Nuno beat Fili Ramirez, 8
Sal Lopez halted Roland Brooker, 3
Ron Cummings beat Albert Guevara, 6
Hedgemon Robertson halted Scipio Stubbs, 4
Isaac Marin beat Hector Rivera, 10
Albert Guevara beat Steve Chase, 6
Ali Hughes and Ronnie Branch, drew, 6
Ron Pettigrew beat Dale Staley, 6 (disq.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Jim Watt halted Antonio Guinaldo, 5
(European Lightweight Title)
Alfredo Pitalua halted Betulio Gutierrez, 4
Charlie Nash beat Willie Rodriguez, 10
Roberto Pearson halted Jerry Strickland, 3
Pee Wee Suarez halted Dave Bolden, 2
Juan Venegas halted Geraldo DeLarosa, 3
Armando Ramirez halted Joseph Turner, 3
German Cuello beat Isaac Marin, 10
Jose Luis Ossuna beat Ricky Samudio, 8
Gonzalo Montellano halted Willie Daniels, 5, then stopped Teodoro Pineda, 2
Jose Osuna stopped Julio Mendez, 2
Ted Westbrook lost to Louis Daniels, 4
Francisco Pico and Tony Tejiera drew, 4
Daniel Patino beat Fili Ramirez, 6
Rodrigo Auiree beat Petronillo Velasquez, 6

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS

Patrick Ford stopped Diego Alcala, 9
Rafael Limon halted Jaime Nava, 10
Frankie Baltazar halted Ernesto Herrera, 5
Bobby Chacon halted Augie Pantellas, 7
Ernesto Espana kayoed Bienvenido Quinto, 1
Natilio Vezzoli beat Isisoro Cabezas, 15
(European Jr. Lightweight Title)
Aristide Pizzo halted Salvatore Liscapade, 3
(Italian Jr. Lightweight Title)
Ken Daniels beat Scott Anderson, 4
Jesse Montemeyer stopped James Phillips, 3
Pedro Rayos beat Gilbert Garza, 4
Miguel Estrada beat Frankie Ahumada, 10

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Danny Lopez beat Fel Clemente, 4 (disq)
(WBC Featherweight Title)
Sean O'Grady halted Alfredo Franklin, 6
Roberto Castanon stopped Nani Rodriguez, 10
(European Featherweight Title)
Isaac Vega beat Roberto Quantanilla, 10
Ronnie Furlow stopped Steven Crow, 2
Juan Villasana was stopped by James Martinez, 5
Jesse Rocha beat Jerry Kornele, 10
Salvador Sanchez stopped Francisco Ponce, 2
Elias DeLeon halted Enrique Muniz, 6
Alfredo Rocha halted Rodolfo Ibarra, 9
Nicky Perez beat Javier Flores, 12
Nate Funderburg and Jewel Chappell drew, 4
Rafael Alonso halted Angel Garcia, 6
Red Berry beat Miguel Meza, 10
Juan Banuelos halted Nate Funderburg, 3
Ernesto Rios halted Pee Man Jones, 5
Francisco Velez beat Jose Luis Lara, 4
Rocky Garcia halted Adam Aguilar, 2
Fel Clemente lost to Francisco Flores, 12

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Laurent Grimbert beat Guy Caudron, 12
(French Bantamweight Title)
Enrique Sanchez-Dominican halted Ben Ramirez, 8
Lupe Pintor halted Roger Buchle, 2
Frankie Duarte beat Peter King, 10
Suzo Yoshida stopped Mitsuru Tomonari, 3
Leslie Pikoli beat Joseph Diraditsile, 12
Caiphus Khotle halted Samuel Koalepe, 1
Siphiwo Fuma stopped Marva Maila, 2
Baliso Molao and Gov't Feleti drew, 4

FLYWEIGHTS

Freddie Gonzales halted Aaron Morua, 8
Alonzo Gonzalez and Fernando Hernandez drew, 3
Armando Ugalde beat Fernando Hernandez, 6
Rafael Pina beat Catalino Flores, 10
Javier Mendoza halted Candy Iglesis, 3
Jose Herrera kayoed Augustin Sanchez, 5
Okihiro Kiyokawa stopped Shu Yoshiyama, 4
Yung Hwan Kim beat Keisuke Yuguchi, 10
Koichi Maki beat Wakabayashi Isawa, 10
Shoji Oguma whipped Puma Koya, 10
Mak Dong Kim won over Mikie Uchida, 10
Godfrey Nkate beat Michael Khuto, 6
Edward Nzemande whipped Martin Nkokoto, 4
Charlie McGeer won over Johnny Thompson, 4
Monde Mpulampula beat Ruben Matewu, 8
Fernand Tilitwa beat Thembile Sitshongaye, 4
Kim Sung-Jung halted Netrnoi Vorasingh, 3
(WBC Jr. Flyweight Title)
Yoko Gushiken kayoed Chung Sang-Il, 5
(WBA Jr. Flyweight Title)

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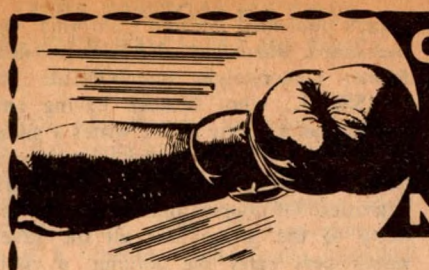

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By Harry Warren

GUNTER TRAUTNER is one of the most persistent autograph hunters of boxers and ex-boxers. Also, he is one of the most ardent fans of boxing and keeps my column supplied with news from Germany. So, to all the Gunter Trautners in the world who write to Veteran Boxers' Beat, thank you. Keep this column informed on the ex-boxer activities in your country, state, or smallest village. We're interested. . . .

The British Army wrote a letter of thanks to this column. The response was terrific, they said. This column wrote about the Army Physical Training Corps Museum, which was seeking memorabilia from ex-boxers who had served in the Army. The curator, Major TOM FLETCHER, received books, posters, programs, pictures, etc. Our readers certainly came through—from Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. The item about the museum was in the June, 1978 issue of *The Ring*. Write to A.P.T.C. Museum, Queens Avenue, Aldershot, Hants, England. Major Fletcher will acknowledge all letters. . . . .

Veteran boxers who visit New York: Why not drop into the publishing offices of the Ring Magazine and also visit the incredible fistic museum and Hall of Fame, 120 West 31st Street, New York City. (Avenue of the Americas is the crossstreet.) . . . .

The National VBA Convention was held at the Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, on October 6-7-and 8. The Gold Coast Boxers' Association were the hosts. . . . . My old friend and former lightweight contender, JOE GLICK, passed away at the Motion Picture Home, California. JOE GLICK had a remarkable career and fought the great JACKIE "KID" BERG twice, on April 4 and September, 18, 1930. KID BERG defeated the great MUSHY CALLAHAN for the world junior welterweight crown and came to New York where he tackled the fearless JOE GLICK, and won a ten-round decision fourteen days later and repeated the win over ten rounds six months later. GLICK, after retiring from boxing, became a well known figure in the Hollywood movie studios, and, until he retired to the Motion Picture Home, had been active with the Cauliflower Alley Club, which has its clubrooms at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, where GLICK fought many of his battles. . . . "The Square Ring Association" is aptly named for ex-boxers who reside in the West Country area of England. This area takes in Devonshire, which this column knows has an ex-boxers group known as Devon Ex-Boxers Association. Regardless, the idea is good. Former fighter JOE PAGE, of 15 Long Park, Balland Lane, Ashburton, Devon, would like to hear from ex-boxers and former Ring officials and trainers, managers, etc. . . . Its good to learn of current promoters assisting veteran boxer organizations, and the Reading Ex-Boxers' Association (England) were the recipients of help from promoter BEV WALKER, who runs boxing shows at the Top Rank, in Reading, Berkshire. During the show, Alderman JACK PRICE, the chairman of the Reading E.B.A., received a check for close to $500, proceeds from a raffle at the arena. MICK RAWLINGS of the Ass'n is mighty happy to announce that new members include former European heavyweight champion DICK RICHARDSON, former British lightheavy champion ALEX BUXTON, and fistic star LEO MALONEY, a crowd pleasing former welterweight. . . .

The London Ex-Boxers' Association publishes a dandy of a bulletin that is edited by STEPHEN POWELL, the son of former heavyweight contender JACK POWELL. In addition to the monthly Bulletin, "Seconds Out," a first publication "Box On," is published quarterly and is full of news and fistic facts. To assist defraying costs, the publications are sold at a minimum cost. Write to JACK POWELL, secretary, The London Ex-Boxers' Association, 36 St. Peter's Street, London, N1 8JT England. While I'm on the subject of publications of veteran boxers organizations, the Sussex Ex-Boxers' Association has a splendid monthly entitled "Ringside." Interested readers contact editor FRED PARISH, 54 Rutland Gardens, Hove, Sussex, England. . . . . The Cauliflower Alley Club, with headquarters at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, 1628 EL Centro, Hollywood, California 90028, presided over by former wrestling champion and movie star MIKE MAZURKI, have published some fabulous souvenir journals of super events they have staged over the past few years. MARSHALL WRIGHT, executive director of the International Shrine, and active with the fast-moving West coast ex-boxer and wrestler organization, writes a whole page of Cauliflower Alley Club news in the popular and high circulation "Casting Call," published by boxing enthusiast MEL POGUE, which is the movie capital's job seekers' publication. Another source of publicity for the Cauliflower Alley Club is through the Hicks-Deal Publications, a group of newspapers published through California. One of the active members and vice-president is former welterweight star NOBLE "KID" CHISSELL, who, besides having attained stardom as a movie actor, writes a great column, which includes a special section about the Cauliflower Alley Club and its charitable activities. Of course, this column gives publicity to the group, for all the seventeen newspapers carry the column, a vital link with all the cities and towns throughout California who get to learn of veteran boxers activities. . . .

It is the custom of the many veteran boxers associations in the United States to produce a fabulous journal, which features boxing history items, photos of honorees at the dinner with biographical accounts, and many historical boxing facts and advertisements from local merchants and companies who support the ex-boxers group. The adverts pay for the publication, and the journal goes on to become a collectors item and a necessary part of a boxing historians' library. . . . West Philadelphia—a great fight town. HARRY BLANC is one of those boxing personalities that came from the city. As Kid Blanc, he started as an amateur and collected a few titles, including the West Philadelphia High Inter-scholastic and Golden Gloves championships, which he won as a middleweight. Later, he became Mid-Atlantic champion. Then he turned professional under the management of HARRY NEFF. The Olympic Gold medalist WILLIE CLARK took over his training and he went through twenty-eight pro bouts. He owned the Palmyra Pharmacy in Pennsauken, Pa. after retiring from boxing due to excessive cuts over his eyes. After twenty-years as a registered pharmacist, he turned to music and becoming a competent violinist. In between entertaining with his "fiddle," he managed fighters and assisted in organizing the VBA of Philadelphia. Ring 1. BLANC and his wife, MIRIAM, have three children, Kenneth a surgeon, Ivor, a pharmacist, and Bonnie, a secretary for the Philadelphia Board of Education. They are also grandparents. Philadelphia can be proud of HARRY BLANC, who, although seventy-four years young, is still involved with VBA activities. Ring 1 showed their appreciation by giving this fine ex-boxer, pharmacist, and music teacher, a grand testimonial. Contact him at Cherry Hill Apts., East 617, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002. . . . .

The New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame held their Annual Dinner and Dance at the Cameo in Garfield, New Jersey, November 5, 1978. It was a huge success and president CHARLIE SPINA certainly provided a great show, a spectacular dinner, and awards, with inductees being TONY BARLIN, JIM DONATO, BILLY KILROY, JACK BONITO, JOHNNY O'KEEFE, JACK PALECCA, JACKIE STEWART, BUCKEY KEYES. . . . .

LUPE PINTON KAYOES ROGER BUCHELI IN TWO

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Anyone who thought Salvador Sanchez, 129½, was going to be a piece of cake can forget that notion. Sanchez, Mexico City, raised his mark to 29-1, dusting a game Francisco Ponce, 124½, Los Angeles, in three of a scheduled ten-rounder. Sanchez showed he was the bigger hitter early in the second, after feeling out his opponent in the prior three minutes. Sanchez pole-axed the Californian for the full count with a straight right, ending the fight suddenly. Ponce, overmatched with the handsome Latin, also took the fight on short notice.

The card was a presentation of Pro-Mex Boxing Enterprises and attracted a crowd of 2,900 patrons, who witnessed an interesting night at the fights.

LEROY JONES OUTPOINTS MIKE WEAVER FOR NABF HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

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Both fighers gave the fans a fierce twelfth round—but Jones had piled up enough points to win the decision before the final round.

The judging was close, with Dave Moretti scoring 56-52 and judges Hal Miller and Lou Tabat scoring 55-53.

The NABF heavyweight trophy was presented to Leroy Jones by Ken Norton, the former NABF and WBC champion.

There was talk that Norton might meet the winner of the Sahara title bout. However, Norton has demanded a minimum purse of $500,000—which Trudnich and the Sahara may not be willing to meet.

In a ten-round heavyweight preliminary, former Norton sparring partner Olvier Phillips, won a close majority decision over the Alaska heavyweight champion, Franco Thomas.

Phillips, who has had numerous managerial problems, was fighting for the first time in three years. His superb condition and clever ring tactics cost Thomas his first defeat in 13 fights.

Phillips sent Thomas to the canvas in the 4th round with a short right cross—and from there on it was Oliver's fight all the way.

SCOTT FRANK BEATS CHUCK WEPNER FOR N.J. CROWN

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member of the 1977-78 U.S. amateur squad, with a 4-0 record as a pro, including three knockouts. Scott's longest previous outing was a six-round points win in his professional debut.

To mark the occasion of the first state heavyweight championship contest under his administration, N.J. boxing commissioner Jersey Joe Walcott, volunteered his services as a non-voting referee. Walcott had a brief career as a referee, prior to his appointment to his present post. He was the third man in the ring for the second Ali-Liston fight. As luck would have it, Jersey Joe was given a stiff test in his comeback effort, but he proved equal to the task.

The official scoring was as follows: Judge Lew Eskin, nine rounds Frank, three rounds Wepner. Judge Paul Cavalier—Eleven rounds Frank, one round even. Judge Eva Shain had it a shocking 6-5-1 in favor of Frank, Wepner weighed 223½, Frank came in at 210.

In spite of this one-sided loss, Wepner does not plan to retire immediately.

In the co-feature, Christy Elliott, 166, ended a one-year layoff with a first round knockout of Billy Early, 174. A single left hook on the chin put Early down for the full count. It will take stiffer opposition than Early to determine if Elliott can regain the form that enabled him to hold current light heavyweight champion Mike Rossman, to a ten-round draw.

In preliminary action: David Bird, 179, TKO'd Joey Hayes, 172, in 1:07 of the third round. Hayes made three trips to the canvas.

Randy Reilly, 136, won a split decision over Peter O'Keefe, 138, in a four-rounder.

Conrad Tooker, 181, stopped Joe Black, 180, at 1:55 of the first.

Marciano Bernardi, 162, suffering from a bad virus, still managed to outbox Dan Stahle, 156, to win a six-round split decision.

Nino Gonzales, 146, outpointed Red Davis, 139, in a six-rounder.

KIM SUNG-JUN WINS WBC JR. FLYWEIGHT TITLE

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defense. On March 25, Kim finely turned the tables by demolishing the shorter Nipponese with three knockdowns in the third round.

Vorasingh, who deserves a rematch, had his record drop to three defeats against twenty wins (nine within the distance).

The new champ weighed 107½; Vorasingh was 107¾.

GEORGE VIEITES: FRIEND OF CUBAN BOXING

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ker. The 52-year-old Vieites has been close to boxing and has subscribed to *The Ring* since his departure from Cuba.

Because of his stature as secretary of the Cuban Boxing Commission and his part of the scene when Cubans played a great part in the gloved sport, *The Ring* Magazine herewith presents the All-time ratings of Cuban professional fighters by George Vieites. They should bring back fond memories for those who saw the outstanding ring gladiators in action.

GROWING UP WITH ALI

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loved, his boxing career, for a religion he so earnestly and deeply believed in. Once again he entered the ring in a quest for the title he had been stripped of unjustly.

The rest, of course, is history. He lost to Joe Frazier in his first bid to regain the crown; came back to rope-a-dope George Foreman out of the championship; had the rope-a-dope backfire in losing to Leon Spinks; then captured the title for the third time, decisioning Spinks in what many feel will be the final chapter in the career of Muhammad Ali.

No one can measure the greatness of the man. He will undoubtedly be continually compared with Louis, Dempsey and Marciano. Naturally, the opinions will differ. It would be impossible to formulate a definte answer regarding these comparisons, computer fights included.

Many of us began our career as fight fans when Ali began his as a boxer. He has been surrounded by controversy throughout yet has emerged, as he declared from the very start, as "The Greatest." Not many people will argue with that statement anymore.

HOW GOOD IS TEOFILIO STEVENSON?

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the match at the Garden between U.S.A. vs. Cuba. The FBI stated that the damage to the store was about $10,000.

The rest of the card went as follows:

In the 106-pound class Hector Ramirez outpointed Michael Sandoval, Pomona, Calif., in three, an unpopular decision.

Jerome Coffee, Nashville, Tenn., gained an unpopular nod over Cuba's Jorge Hernandez, three, 112 pound class.

The Cubans, again having the judging edge, gave the 119 pound bout to their countryman, Adolfo Horta, over Jackie Beard, Jackson, Tenn.

115-pounder Bernard Taylor gained a nod over Cuba's Angel Herrara, U.S. judges scoring against the Cuban.

The bout which almost caused a riot was in the 132-pound division. Cuba's Armando Martinez was given a *bad* decision over Johnny Bumphus, a deputy sheriff from Nashville, Tenn.

Don Curry, Fort Worth, Texas, was warned ten times and penalized a point in losing to Cuba's Jose Aguilar in the 139-pound division.

Jeff Stoudemire, Cleveland, Ohio, won a popular nod over Louis Martinez, Cuba, in the 156 pound class.

Clinton Jackson, Nashville, Tenn., ran into some bad luck as cut over the left eye forced the referee to halt the contest in one, for Cuba's Andres Aldama in the 147-pound division.

Jorge Gomez, 165, of Cuba, stopped Alex Ramos of New York in the third. This was the best fight of the night. Ramos had the Cuban on the deck in round one, but ran out of gas in the third.

In another war in the 178-pound division, Cuba's Sixto Soria stopped Rick Jester, Detroit, Mich., in two.

By JACK A. TREE

JOHNSON KAYOES WATBLED

BERLIN — Aldo Traversaro, light heavyweight, and Roberto Castanon, featherweight, beat off challengers and retained their European crowns, but Colin Powers, junior welter, and Franco Zurlo, bantam, were not so fortunate and lost their European titles. The defeat of Powers and Zurlo came as a surprise but I feel Bunny Johnson's knockout over the French star, Sylvain Watbled, was perhaps the biggest turn up for the book, and it puts Johnson back in line for a shot at Traversaro's European crown.

At Bibione, in Italy, Aldo Traversaro held on to his European light heavyweight crown, drawing with veteran Avenamar Peralta, Spain, over fifteen rounds. Peralta, who has beaten guys like Victor Galindez and Jorge Ahumada, dictated the terms in the early rounds but then tired, allowing the champion to make up lost ground. It was Traversaro's second draw in a defense of his crown this year. He shared points with Dutchman Rudi Koopmans in February last. In the history of European championship fights, which number around nine hundred, forty-eight have ended all square.

In Paris, Bunny Johnson beat Sylvain Watbled to cause a major upset. Watbled was one of the few top stars available to French promoters for the coming long winter season. Watbled found Johnson an easy target in the opening round and toppled him with left hooks for a count of eight. Round two was also Watbled's but in the third Johnson began to get the measure of the Frenchman. In the fourth, Johnson caught Watbled with a left hook and then a right putting him down for a short count. The Frenchman made his feet and fought back wildly, missing a great deal. Johnson was now very confident and in the fifth, using his skill, landed many well placed hooks. In the sixth, Watbled lowered his defense to ward off Johnson's punches to the body. Johnson switched to the head and let go a short but hard left hook to the chin. Watbled went down and was counted out. The Frenchman had won ten of his pro starts inside the distance and this was his first defeat.

Few, with the exception of the four thousand Spaniards present at the Miranda De Ebro bull ring, saw challenger and local matador, Fernando Sanchez ahead on points when European junior welterweight champion Colin Powers was taken out of the fight with forty seconds gone of round twelve by referee Amilio Bellagambi, Italy. All three officials, however, had Sanchez in front at the time of the stoppage, Bellagambi by two points, judge Kurt Rado, Austria, four and judge Jean Deswaert, Belgium, by one point.

At Leon, European featherweight champion, Roberto Castanon, Spain, retained his crown beating fellow countryman, Nani Rodriguez by a kayo in ten.

At Randers, in Denmark, Ayub Kalule made a successful defense of his Commonwealth middleweight title. His challenger was Guyana's Reggie Ford, who was counted out in a sitting position at 2:22 of round five. Ford, with eight fights has lost 6. He was knocked out by Briton Alan Minter in 1972 when they met in the Olympics. Kalule is undefeated in twenty-three bouts and his next opponent will probably be a high rated American.

Franco Zurlo (38), born October 4, 1940 at Brindisi, lost his European bantamweight title to Francisco Rodriguez (28), Spain. A cut eye in the ninth proved too big a handicap for the champion and he was outpointed. Zurlo, boxing now for thirteen years, has lost only five bouts. He won the crown in 1969, beating Ben Ali, and made defenses against Francisco Martinez and John McClusky before losing it to Briton Alan Rudkin in 1971. Zurlo recovered his title, beating Salvatore Fabrizio in 1977. The first bantamweight championship fight got started on March 7th, 1910 when Briton Joe Bowker kayoed Jean Audony of France, eight, in London. Since then, the division has produced forty-three champions from one hundred and three bouts.

In Milan, junior middleweight champion (WBC) Rocky Mattioli, faced American Freddie Boyton. The champion was letting off steam built up from weeks of training for a defense against German Frank Wissenbach. The German cried off and Boyton was brought over to offset some of the losses due to the cancellation. There was no title at stake and this took pressure off the champion and he finished it in six rounds. Unfortunately for all concerned, Mattioli's jaw was broken and this means a five-month lay off. Official challenger Maurice Hope, who recently surrendered his European crown expecting a shot at Mattioli's title in December, is now hopping mad and his handlers are calling on the WBC to strip Mattioli of his crown. Hope, waiting now for two years for a meeting with Rocky, should be matched immediately with Ayub Kalule for the crown and Mattioli given first shot at the winner. Five thousand packed the Milan Sportpalast for Mattioli's bout with Boynton, which proves the Australian's popularity with the Italians. The fight finally got off the ground after a brush with the police, who were against such a sporting event at a time when the country was mourning the death of Pope John Paul I. The TV bosses disregarded the ban and supported the promoter and the fight went on. Mattioli, with a cut eyebrow in round two and fighting with a broken jaw, did well to end this fight as he did.

Rocky Mattioli, the Italian based Australian, has company. Fellow countryman Barry Michael and Brian Schofield joined the Branchini camp in Milan last month. Following the death of Angelo Jacopucci, both underwent two weeks of tests by the medical authorities.

Boxing in Holland got off to a good start in the new season. Promoter Henk Ruhling has at least three aces up his sleeve capable of filling the venue. Rudi Koopmans, cruiserweight, is Holland's best boxer for more than three years. He has been busy this year beating Garfield McEvan, Leo Kakolewicz, Nat Gates, and drawing with European light heavyweight champion Aldo Traversaro, of Italy. Henny Thoonen, heavyweight, beat Tom Keely, George Jerome, and Ekwelum, but lost to Albert Syben of Belgium. Thoonen was the first amateur to stay the distance with world and Olympic champion Stephenson of Cuba. Unfortunately, he left it a little late in turning professional. Adrie Hussen, the Dutch middleweight champion, is undefeated in nineteen fights. This year he has beaten Fighting Wallcot, Albert Hillman and Canadian Les Vegas.

Ex-world heavyweight champion Max Schmelling was seventy-three on September 28th.

SPAIN

▲**Miranda De Ebro** — Spanish junior middleweight champion Adoni Amana beat Briton Billy Waith, who retired in the sixth.

▲**Las Corogne** — European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista stopped American Joe Maye in the third. Heavyweight Gilberto Acuna beat Briton Tony Moore, who retired in the sixth with a cut eye.

▲**Las Coragne** — Spaniard Raul Anon outscored Briton Horace McKenzie over eight rounds.

▲**Leon** — Roberto Castanon retained his European bantamweight title kayoing Nini Rodriguez, ten.

▲**Vigo** — Juan Francisco Rodriguez (28), Spain, won the European bantamweight title beating the ten year older champion Franco Zurlo of Italy on points over fifteen rounds. A cut eye in the ninth proved to be a severe handicap for the champion.

NORWAY

▲**Bergen** — The local based welterweight, Joseph Nsubuga, from Ghana, remains undefeated, outscoring Horace McKenzie, champion of Wales, narrowly on points over eight rounds.

FRANCE

▲**Paris** — Welterweight Lucien Campo beat Mongi Khemir, the referee stopping the bout in round three. Djibril Bathily beat William Collet on points over six rounds. Welter Tigani Sidibe beat Jean Paul Coppyn, the latter's trainer throwing in the towel after Coppyn had taken two counts of eight in the opening round. In the main event, Bunny Johnson kayoed Sylvain Watbled, six.

▲**St. Malo** — French champion Claude Martin decisioned Briton Pat Thomas over ten rounds. The third man made Thomas the winner 99-95, but the two judges had the Frenchman in front by one point.

ITALY

▲**Caleinaia** — Junior lights: Giovanni Vitillo TKO'd Giuseppe Agata, seven.

▲**Cagliari** — Giovanni Camputaro held on to his Italian flyweight title, outscoring Salvatore Laconi, twelve. Camputaro represented Italy at the 1976 Olympics and won a silver medal at the Mediterranean games. He has lost only two of his fourteen starts in the professional ranks. Junior welters: Francesco Aresti stopped Augusto Quadri, two. Lightweights: Bruno De Montis TKO'd Antonio Germano, five.

▲**Lugo** — Franco Zurlo retained his European bantamweight title, drawing with Alfredo Mulas over fifteen rounds. Luigi Tessarin outscored Josies Malauides Da Silva, eight. Valerio Nati stopped Antonio De Franca, four. Lightweights: Aristide Pizzo TKO'd Jose Carlos Do Santos, seven. Heavyweights: Claudio Cassanelli kayoed Vasco Faustinho, two.

▲**Ambra** — Junior welters: Patrizio Burini knocked out Salvatore Marello, one.

▲**Podenzano** — Middleweights: Southpaw Matteo Salvemini kayoed Eric Seys, four. Lightweights: Giampiero Bertuzzi outscored Giovanni Maiorano, six.

▲**Genoa** — Welterweights: Bruno Arcari TKO'd Jessie Lara, five. Mario Guillotti outscored Pascal Zito, eight. Lightweights: Angelo Provenzano outscored Carlo Frassinetti, eight.

▲**Lido di Ostia** — Junior lights: Salvatore Liscapade outscored Emiliano Eloy De Souza, eight. Lightweights: Rosario Pomponi and Marino Angeli drew their six-rounder. Heavyweights: Angelo Visini decisioned Omar Sharif, six.

▲**Pistoia** — Italian junior welterweight champion Gianni Molesini held on to his title, drawing with Vittorio Conte, twelve. Potito Dimuro knocked out Marco Gallo, seven.

▲**Lido do Ostia** — Middleweights: Roberto Felcicioni (22) won his eleventh bout, outscoring Nicola Sassanelli, eight. Salvatore Cascio decisioned Vincenzo Bottoglieri, six. Junior lightweights: Giancarlo Ravaioli outpointed Mario Tiano, six. Junior welters: Pietro Callara kayoed Salah Arafa, one. Welterweights: Libero Moi knocked out Luciano Giorgi, four.

▲**Romano Lombardo** — Heavyweights: Romeo Malgarini TKO'd Domenico Scala, five. Malgarini (26) is a six-footer, weighs eighteen stone and is ex-amateur champion of Italy, 1975-76. He has had eleven paid bouts and won eight inside the distance.

▲**Monte Marenzio** — Middleweights: Luciano Bolis stopped Ray Opeku, five. Junior welterweights: Antonio Antino decisioned Raimondo Riccio, six.

▲**Bellaria** — Junior middleweights: Rogelio Zarza knocked out Salvo Nuciforo, five. Bantamweights: Valerio Nati kayoed Domenico Palombo, three. Welterweights: Pierangelo Pira knocked out Sergio D'Angelo, one.

▲**Ischia** — Junior lights: Elio Cotena outscored Charles Juretti, eight. Giuseppe Corbo and Francesco Gallo drew their eight-rounder.

▲**Brindisi** — Lightweights: Cosimo Lavino and Jose Sanchez drew their six-rounder.

▲**Roccastrada** — Junior welterweights: Patrizio Burini kayoed Darko Cavic, two.

▲**Rome** — Lightweights: Roberto D'Elia outscored Giovanni Mannu, six.

▲**Senigallia** — Giuseppe Martinese, undefeated in his last thirteen bouts, retained his Italian junior welter title, stopping Efisio Pinna in eight.

▲**Piedmonte** — Italian flyweight champion Giovanni Camputaro held on to his title, outscoring Emilio Preddu, twelve.

▲**Bibione** — European light heavyweight champion Aldo Traversaro (30), Italy, retained his crown, drawing with Avenamar Peralta (35), over fifteen rounds.

▲**Milan** — In a non-title fight, WBC champion Rocky Mattioli stopped American Freddy Boynton in six rounds. Matteo Salvemini TKO'd Trento Facciocchi, six, to win the Italian middleweight title.

DENMARK

▲**Randers** — Ayub Kalule, Uganda, defended his Commonwealth middleweight title successfully, beating Reggie Ford, Ghana. Referee Jim Brimmel gave the latter the full count in round five.

Welterweights: Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, outscored the champion of Trinidad, Eddie Marcelle, eight rounds. Torben Andersen, Denmark, outpointed Briton Jimmy Pickard, four rounds. The verdict was not accepted too well by the crowd. It was certainly close. Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, scored his twentieth straight win, outscoring Briton Terry Petersen over eight rounds. As an amateur, Palm represented Denmark at the Olympic games and won fifty-three of his fifty-seven starts. Joe Oke, Ghana, decisioned Per Mullertz, Denmark, over six rounds.

GERMANY

▲**Haiger** — Promoter Robert van Elkan presented an attractive program of boxing but only four hundred found their way to the venue. Junior welterweight champion Karl Fuchs narrowly outpointed challenger Klaus Jakoby over the new distance of ten rounds. Welterweights: Peter Bio, Germany, TKO'd Mi Whan Ki, Korea, three. Junior middleweights: Helmut Baumann, Germany, outscored the local based Italian, Giampalo Piras, six. Light heavyweights: Frenchman Jacques Chinon outscored German Charly Schulz, six rounds. Lightweights: Dieter Schantz, Germany, decisioned Mohamed Benovadha, Algiers, six rounds.

IN MEMORIAM

Frederick William Bishop, for many years the correspondent for *The Ring* in the Canadian Maritimes, lost his life in a car accident on Friday, September 8, 1978. He was sixty years old.

Fred was one of the most respected and best liked men in the entire business. He was in constant demand for anything having to do with boxing in Nova Scotia.

We would like to extend our sympathies to his wife, Doris, and to say, again, thank you to Fred Bishop for his great work on behalf of *The Ring* and boxing through the years. We have lost a valued friend.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
Champion: Alfredo Evangelista (S)
1. Billy Aird (GB)
2. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
3. John L. Gardner (GB)
4. Alfio Righetti (I)
5. Les Stevens (GB)
6. Al Syben (B)
7. Dante Cane (I)
8. Tony Moore (GB)
9. Paul Sykes (GB)
10. Hennie Thoonen (H)

Light Heavies
Champion: Aldo Traversaro (I)
1. Mate Parlov (Yugo)
2. John Conteh (GB)
3. Rudi Koopmans (H)
4. Avenamar Peralta (S)
5. David Conteh (GB)
6. Bunny Johnson (GB)
7. Emilio Cometti (I)
8. Harald Skog (N)
9. Sylvain Watbled (F)
10. Hocine Tafer (F)

Middleweights
Champion: Alan Minter (GB)
1. Vito Antuofermo (I)
2. Gratien Tonna (F)
3. Kevin Finnegan (GB)
4. Frankie Lucas (GB)
5. Bunny Sterling (GB)
6. Matteo Salvemini (I)
7. Sandro Mazzinghi (I)
8. Alfredo Navieras (S)
9. Trento Facciochi (I)
10. Roberto Felcicioni (I)

Junior Middles
Title Vacant
1. Maurice Hope (GB)
2. Jimmy Barton (GB)
3. Andoni Amana (S)
4. Marijan Benes (Yugo)
5. Claude Martin (F)
6. Gilbert Cohen (F)
7. Damian Lassandro (I)
8. Luigi Minchillo (I)
9. Remo Costa (I)
10. Adrie Huussen (H)

Welterweights
Champion: Josef Tiger Pachler (A)
1. Jorgen Hansen (D)
2. Dave Green (GB)
3. John H. Stracey (GB)
4. Bruno Arcari (I)
5. Alain Marion (F)
6. Alois Carmeliet (B)
7. Dum Dum Pacheo (S)
8. Alain Ruocco (F)
9. Louis Accaries (F)
10. Henry Rhiney (GB)

Junior Welters
Champion: Fernand Sanchez (S)
1. Colin Powers (GB)
2. Giovanni Martinese (I)
3. Clinton McKenzie (GB)
4. Cemal Kamaci (T)
5. Hans Hendrik Palm (D)
6. Claude Lormeau (F)
7. Chris Davies (GB)
8. Svein Erik Paulsen (N)
9. Des Morrison (GB)
10. Giovanni Carriono (I)

Lightweights
Champion: Jim Watt (GB)
1. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
2. Giancarlo Usai (I)
3. Charlie Nash (Gb)
4. Perico Fernandez (S)
5. Vincenzo Quero (I)
6. Antonio Puddo (I)
7. Andre Holyk (F)
8. Rosario Sanna (I)
9. Johnny Claydon (GB)
10. Manuel Velasquez (S)

Junior Lights
Champion: Natale Vezzoli (I)
1. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
2. Elio Cotena (I)
3. Carlos Hernandez (S)
4. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
5. Maurice Apeang (F)
6. Nino Jimenez (S)
7. Georges Cotin (F)
8. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
9. Biagio Pierri (I)
10. Cosimo Lavino (I)

Featherweights
Champion: Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. Dave Needham (GB)
3. Manuel Masso (S)
4. Salvatore Melluzzo (I)
5. Les Pickett (GB)
6. Allan Richardson (GB)
7. Nani Rodriguez (S)
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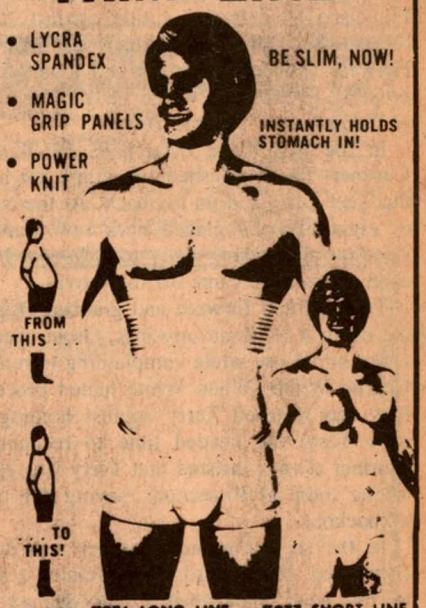

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TERRIBLE TERRY McGOVERN, PART TWO

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had been swindled and demanded an investigation. Referee Siler was also given a going-over for failing to stop the bout and call all bets off.

Fleischer's reaction, printed in the McGovern booklet, absolves Terry of having been part of the fake fight.

"Whether McGovern was aware that Gans intended to lie down, was never proved" states Fleischer," the chances are he was just told to go in and fight, without knowing anything about the conspiracy.

"His handlers knew all about it, as did the bunch behind Gans. Terry wouldn't have been surprised at an easy victory, believing in himself as he did.

"One remembers how he offered to fight Erne at 135 pounds. He wouldn't have wanted Gans or anyone else to take a dive for him, if left to his own inclinations.

"As for Gans, he kept out of sight of the thousands of members of his race who had lost their money and didn't linger long around Chicago. The East was a lot healthier for him right then."

Mayor Harrison, outraged by the alleged swindle, directed an investigation of the charges. The result ended the issuing of permits to promoters. Boxing in Chicago was killed for a number of years.

Now it's 1901 and Terry is at the height of his career and waiting to celebrate his 21st birthday, March 9, then leave for San Francisco to defend his title against "The Omaha Kid" Oscar Gardner and Aurelio Herrera. Nobody in his right mind could possibly foresee this would be the beginning of the end for "Terrible Terry."

In the first battle (March 9, 1900) with Gardner, The Kid lashed out with a left hook that sent Terry flat on his back. At the count of eight, Terry's glazed eyes saw Gardner standing above him ready to deliver a blow soon as his knee came off the canvas.

Terry shifted forward and grabbed Oscar's leg using it to climb upwards. Oscar tried to shake him loose while complaining to referee Charlie White. When White halted proceedings and lectured Terry against holding, it gave Terry the needed time to recuperate. Gardner always insisted that Terry was given a long count of 30 seconds, saving him from a knockout.

In the second round, Gardner was down five times. In the third, Terry feinted a right to the head and when Oscar ducked the phantom blow, Terry connected with a murderous left hook to the jaw. Half an hour later, Gardner could not recall being in a fight.

In the return bout on April 30, The Omaha Kid was completely outclassed. He was floored in the first and second rounds and knocked through the ropes as the third round ended. Oscar was down four times in the fourth before Terry ended it with a right to the belly and left to the jaw.

"Terrible Terry" got more than he bargained for when he met Herrera on May 29. The hardpunching Mexican had a deceiving style. He would coast along holding his own, but could lash out with a short right that stretched out anyone it hit.

Terry became aware of the Mexican's style as they felt each other out the first two rounds. In the third, Terry went to work, unloosening some vicious body blows. There was more of the same in the fourth until Terry cornered Harrera and drew back his left that was meant for the Mexican's jaw.

Suddenly, McGovern staggered back—he had been beaten to the punch. Aurelio's deadly right landed flush on the chin and Terry reeled around, punch-drunk.

Herrera's handlers screamed at him to keep after Terry and finish him but Herrera backed off. Anyone he hit with that right always went down, so Herrera figured so long as McGovern was on his feet he wasn't hurt badly.

Terry, however, though in trouble, was rushing in on fighting instinct alone. He landed a hard right to the Mexican's head at the bell.

The rest freshened Terry. He came out fast for the fifth round and hooked a left to Herrera's stomach followed by a right to the chin that floored him for anine-count.

McGovern then rushed him to the ropes and dropped him again. The game Mexican struggled to his feet but a left hook to the jaw put him away for good.

From the day Terry won the featherweight title from Dixon, he was in constant demand for theatrical appearances. He kept busy fighting, but manager Harris signed contracts for Terry to appear as the hero in such plays as "The Bowery After Dark," and "Terry On The Spot" in which he beat up the dastardly villan.

The engagements were quite lucrative, totalling over $67,000, including moving pictures of a few of his bouts. The Battling Nelson fight movies brought in $1,800.

After almost two years on the stage, stopping only to fulfill a boxing engagement, Terry began to weary of it. He felt it was hindering his boxing career. When "The Bowery After Dark" completed a short out-of-town showing, McGovern announced his retirement from the stage.

Now Terry had more times for boxing but manager Harris had run out of opponents. Except one. He remembered there was a chubby 20-year-old little guy named Billy Rothwell, boxing as Young Corbett.

Corbett was out of Denver, Colorado and very popular in the mid-west where he had built a fairly good reputation with 20 knockouts in 38 bouts between 1898 through 1901.

The Denverite had been begging for a title match on the strength of his record in 1901—a decision over Joe Bernstein on Jan. 18; KOs over Eddie Santry, April 12, and Oscar Gardner, June 26 and ten-round decisions over Kid Broad, July 26 and George Dixon, Aug. 16.

Corbett's record didn't impress McGovern's manager. He visioned Terry belting him out for a fat payday and there was more easy money in bets with Corbett's followers.

Harris' reasoning was sound. He had delved further into the Denverite's background and found that Corbett had been knocked out in two rounds by an unknown with the unlikely name of Jack Dempsey in 1900. He KOd Dempsey in a return but then was flattened by Benny Yanker. A year later Kid Broad finished him in four rounds.

Harris' offer of expenses and guarantee of two thousand dollars brought Corbett East on the double and he settled down to serious training at Hartford Conn., where the fight was to take place. After each training session, he tried to convince visiting sports writers that he would become the new champion.

Hard training completed and his chubby body trimmed down from 146 pounds to 126 and hard as nails, he explained the reason for his confidence in victory.

"I'm no novice" he said, "I've whipped Broad and Bernstein and Santry and Gardner and Dixon and a lot more. I know I'll whip McGovern. I went to San Francisco and watched him box Gardner and I'm convinced he's made to order for me. He knocked out Gardner and so did I. I've studied him out and I know just what to do when we meet and I can do it every day in the week. He hasn't a chance on earth."

The reporters listened sympathetically. Most had seen McGovern slaughter his opponents and this one looked like the other victims except he was a little more confident—that was the only difference.

On Thanksgiving afternoon, Nov. 28, the Coliseum at Hartford was packed to the doors and time for the main event arrived. Young Corbett, walking past McGovern's dressing room on his way to the ring, pounded on the door with his fists and called;

"Come on, you McGovern, and take your licking." There are a few versions of what Corbett actually said, but all have the same meaning.

Only restraint by his handlers prevented the violently angry McGovern from chasing after Corbett and beating him to a pulp before he reached the ring.

Terry was still fuming when facing Corbett during referee Charlie White's fight instructions in the center of the ring. When White asked if they were ready, Terry nodded yes but Corbett shook his head. "Sorry" he said, "my belt isn't right, I got to fix it." Stepping back to his corner he and his trainer fiddled with the belt for a minute or so while Terry became more furious as he shuffled his feet waiting.

Terry rushed Corbett at the bell, his usual style that terrorized his opponents before they could get set. As McGovern came with

the first rush Corbett smashed him squarely on the mouth with a right swing. Terry staggered back dazed and surprised.

Both followed with a mixture of blows and at the close of the round, Terry drew first blood with a right on Corbett's nose. Then Terry was sent back on his heels with a right to the head. Corbett added more fuel to Terry's rage by playing it cool in his corner with his arms stretched across the ropes and calmly enjoying being fanned.

They engaged in a furious rally in the second round. As McGovern's blows were going past Corbett's ears, the Denverite, cold as ice, pushed Terry's head back with his left and quickly shot a right to the chin. Terry fell, laid there a moment then crawled to the ropes and slowly pulled himself up to his feet with his back turned to Corbett. Corbett walked away and waited.

McGovern turned, saw his rival and went for him with a bull-like rush. Corbett hit him once as he came in but was beaten back against the ropes. As Terry bombarded Corbett's head and body, Corbett covered up as best he could, letting Terry punch himself out until he could slip away.

Corbett was in a tough spot but he escaped and still calm as ever, backed away toward the middle of the ring. Terry, following him, wildly swung a vicious left to the head. Corbett let it slip by, then crossed with a right. Terry stiffened, fell back, his head crashing on the ring floor and laid still.

The fight was over. It was Terry's giant step on the road downhill.

The fans crowded the new champion, shaking his hand, shouting his praises and cluttering the aisles to his dressing room. Terry had no crowd to contend with. He walked slowly to his dressing room, his handlers close behind.

When the fallen champ returned to his home grounds, his followers refused to accept the result of the fight. Arguments were heard in the saloons of Brooklyn and most of them were about the closeness of the battle that could have gone either way until Corbett landed "that lucky punch."

Others pointed out that Corbett was not the new champ since he weighed in at 126 pounds as against the featherweight limit of 123. Corbett didn't claim the title at first. "I'll be known as the man who whipped McGovern" he said, "that's glory enough for me."

The ex-champ clammored for a return bout but his conquerer, busy with theatrical engagements and a few bouts, made Terry wait 16 months. Terry had only one fight in 1902—he knocked out Dave Sullivan in 15 rounds at Louisville, Ky., on Feb. 22. Sullivan would not have lasted four rounds with the former champ at his best.

McGovern fought a six-round no-decision bout with Joe Bernstein on Feb. 6, 1903 and KOd Billy Maynard, an often defeated trial horse, on Feb. 25. Now fighting as a lightweight, he finally got his chance to avenge the humiliating defeat by Corbett. The return clash, on March 30 at the Twentieth Century Athletic Club, San Francisco, called for a guaranteed purse of $10,000 split on a 65-35 basis.

In the first round, Terry was dropped by a solid right to the jaw. He got to his feet but appeared in a daze throughout the early rounds. He showed some old fighting spirit and was as game as ever, but Corbett held a confident edge in every round and added to the agony with obscene language during clinches that had Terry boiling mad and swinging wildly, only to be battered by accurate counter-punches.

The end came in the 11th round. Tired, groggy and unable to avoid a lightning-fast left and right to the jaw, Terry fell on the canvas in a heap. He attempted to rise at seven but fell back and was counted out by referee Eddie Graney.

McGovern had no difficulty disposing of every man who defeated Corbett, but for some occult or psychological reason, he was unable to cope with this one rival.

After the close call he had encountered in his battle with Herrera, it appeared Terry was slipping. But the two knockouts by Corbett whose ability to goad Terry into madness, proved his career was at an end.

Manager Harris kept after McGovern to hang up his gloves. It's no small task suggesting to a former champion to quit the ring and Terry was no exception—he rested six months and got back into action.

On Sept. 26 he met Lew Ryall in a six-round no-decision bout and another on Oct. 3 with Billy Willis. On Oct. 20 he made a poor showing winning a 15-round decision over Jimmy Briggs. Harris again pleaded with Terry to retire. This time he agreed and Harris was elated. It removed the fear that Terry might wind up a punch-drunk second rater.

The retirement lasted only five months. On April 10, 1904, Terry ventured to St. Paul, Minn. and lost a close six-round decision to George Barton for the only decision loss of his career.

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JABS FROM JERSEY AND WESTCHESTER

By STEVEN C. LOSCH

▲JERSEY CITY—Promoter Al Certo returned to the spacious Jersey City Armory with the best main event offered to New Jersey boxing fans so far this year, but, for the second time in as many trys, the public inexplicably failed to turn out in large numbers for a fine show in the Armory. Certo plans to continue at this ideal location, confident that once it is put on the boxing map with similar quality cards, the investment will pay off.

In the scheduled eight-round feature attraction, Mustafa Hamsho, 157, Syria (a.k.a. Rocky Estafire), slugged his way into the U.S. middleweight rankings with a startling sixth round technical knockout win over Bobby "Bugaloo" Watts, 157, Philadelphia. Watts came into this firght with an impressive 30-4-1 record, including wins over 1 middleweight contender Marvin Hagler and Willie Monroe. He was making his first appearance in the ring since David Love stopped him in four rounds, back in March of 1977. Hamsho's record coming into this match was 12-1-1, but his best win was only a six-round decision over Archie Andrews. With his considerable advantages in height, reach, speed and experience, Watts should have won easily, even after an eighteen-month layoff.

In the early going, "Bugaloo" revealed an unlikely battle plan, permitting Hamsho to lead on the inside and countering to his body. Watts did manage to drive home repeated wicked shots to Mustafa's midsection that left the Syrian gasping for air between rounds, but he landed only one jab in five and a fraction rounds! With complete freedom to get close to Watts and initiate the action, Hamsho was able to crowd his taller opponent against the ropes and hammer away.

Through five heats of a see-saw battle I had Hamsho ahead, three rounds to two, the likely winner of a close decision, if Watts' body jolts didn't finish him in the late going. But in round six the wild, but effective, little Syrian southpaw trapped Watts in his own corner and unleashed a furious volley of a dozen unanswered punches that opened up an ugly gash on Bobby's right eye lid. At that point, rookie referee Larry Hazzard stopped the contest, a decision that was protested by Watts and his cornermen and cheered by Hamsho's jubulant countrymen in the audience.

Another upset almost happened in the eight-round semi-main event. Combacking Irish Pat Murphy, 149, Secaucus, N.J., should have made easy work of Winston Noel, 145, Trinidad. Murphy outpointed Noel in eight rounds back in 1972. Fortunately, for Pat Murphy, Winston Noel is a light puncher. Murphy repeatedly walked into right uppercuts and twice he was staggered by a flurry of solid head shots. The initially pro-Murphy crowd booed the split decision verdict that was rendered in Irish Pat's favor; 6-2, 4-3-1, and 4-1-3 in favor of Noel. My own card had the fight a 4-4 draw in rounds and Noel the winner by a single point.

In preliminary action: Undefeated Arcadio "Pee Wee" Suarez, 134, racked up his nineteenth straight professional win when he stopped Dave Bolden, 136, in two rounds on an eye cut. Suraez is the best young fighter at his weight on the east coast.

Sal San Fillippo, 174, showed no ill effects from the recent knockout loss that was later ruled a "no contest" in stopping Mike Johnson, 174, in two rounds.

Comebacking veteran Eddie Parks, 149, who twice defeated former Canadian welterweight champion Ray Chavez, looked slow and sluggish in pounding out a points win over Sultan Mohammad in a six-rounder.

Harry DeCosey, 170, hayoed Phil Williams, 165, in two heats.

▲WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.—The W.B.A. number one light heavyweight contender, Eddie "Flame" Gregory, says the he learned an important lesson from his disputed points loss to champion Victor Galindez: never leave to the officials what you can do better yourself. Since losing that decision by a single point on two of the three official scorecards, Gregory has fought five times and scored five impressive knockouts. Victim number five was James Dixon, 182½, Memphis, Tenn., in a scheduled ten-round main event at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, N.Y. Gregory tipped the scales at a heavy 182½. According to his manager, Joe Scorccia, Eddie was originally scheduled to fight a full-fledged 190 lb. heavyweight.

Dixon, a tall, rangy fighter who holds wins over Al Jones (Tenn.) and Nick Wells, made the mistake of provoking Gregory with verbal taunts before the fight. In the dressing room, Eddie predicted a quick knockout and advised me to watch his body punching in the early going. As it turned out, Gregory's body attack amounted to a single blow, but it was enough to end the fight. Late in the opening heat the "Flame" ripped a short left hook into Dixon's liver. Dixon dropped to his knees, crying and clutching at his right side while the referee counted him out. Dr. Campbell's examination revealed that a single punch had fractured *three* of Dixon's ribs!

In preliminary action: Crowd pleasing Marciano Bernardi, 155, outpointed last minute stand-in, journeyman Tyrone Phelps, 147, in a six-round sizzler that received loud applause at the finish. Bernardi, a super-agressive brawler who can hit with either hand, dominated most of the contest, but Phelps took advantage of Marciano's defensive carelessness to drive home some heavy leather. Phelps took one trip to the canvass en route to losing the unanamous decision.

Aging trial horse Bob Stallings came in ten pounds lighter than the 234 pounds that he carried around the ring in his last outing, but it wasn't enough to get him past Tyrone Harlee, 212, in a dull six-rounder. Harlee back-peddled and clinched frequently. Stallings was wild with his patented, powerful overhand rights. I scored Bob the winner, but the official verdict went to Harlee.

Middleweight John Locicero's fights are almost always short and explosive. Local matchmakers inevitably pair him with aggressive opponents. This time it was Ali Muhammad. Muhammad threw everything but his stool at John in the opening frame, but was unable to put him down. Locicero roared back in round two against his exhausted opponent and knocked him out.

With Bobby Halpern out of action, veteran manager Charlie Caserta is concentrating on young prospect Ken Fusco, 144, White Plains. Ken scored his second knockout in two professional outings, finishing off Nelvin Young, 142, Memphis, Tenn., in one round. Fusco fights like a young Halpern—straight ahead, putting everything into each punch.

▲WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Huntington, L.I., heavyweight "Gentleman" Gerry Cooney, 221, scored his twelfth knockout in thirteen professional outings, at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. Charlie Polite, 215, Conn., was probably Cooney's toughest opponent to date, but Gerry needed only four rounds to put him away. Trial horse Polite was a stepping stone for the likes of George Foreman, Roy Williams, Joe razier and Earnie Shavers—a perfect opponent for Cooney at this early stage of his career. Polite came into this fight riding a two bout winning streak. His victims, Joe Vilemure and Dennis Jordan, both had winning records.

The clever veteran used every trick that he had learned during his long career against the best heavyweights in the world in an efford to tire Cooney out. When Polite's bobbing tactics made his head an elusive target, Gerry wisely concentrated his attack downstairs, slamming a series of frightening left hooks into Charlie's liver and ribs. Polite periodically leaped out of his defensive shell to land a left hook of his own, but Cooney absorbed the blows easily. Only when Polite flurried at short range did Cooney look less than devastating. His right lacks power at that distance.

An accumulation of blows ripped open an ugly gash over Polite's left eye that caused referee Joe Santarpia to stop the slaughter after four heats. Had the fight continued another round, Cooney undoubtedly would have scored a knockout. Afterwards, Charlie Polite compared Cooney's left hook favorably with Joe Frazier's.

On the undercard: Lou Raftus, 150, making a comeback after a reported ten-year absence from the ring, fought a sizzling six-round draw with Bobby Hart, 154¼. A rematch scheduled for next month was cancelled because of a leg injury that Raftus suffered during the fight.

Sal Dragone, 138½, remained undefeated in six outinngs, stopping Billy Ric, 140¼, in one round.

Marciano Bernardi, 158½, continued his winning streak with a first round TKO of Jimmy Phoenix, 156.

Pedro Odiot, 144½, stopped Eddie Bernard, 140½, in the second round of a scheduled four-rounder.

Ken Fusco, 134½, passed his first real test as a pro when he knocked out tough Jose Maldonado, 136, in the third round of their scheduled four-round bout. Fusco absorbed some heavy punishment, sustained a bloody nose, and appeared to be badly hurt in round two, but he roared back in the third heat to stop Maldonado. Fusco had kayoed all three of his professional opponents.

Gino Perez, 158¾, floored and then stopped Tommy Barr, 124, in one round.

LONG ISLAND

By CHARLES D. BROWN

LONG ISLAND AREAN, COMMACK, N.Y.—How did that old song go? Oh yeah. "Nobody knows . . . the trouble I've seen. . . ." Larry Stanton, junior welterweight, must feel that way about now. After losing to Howard Davis and being TKO'd in three by Alfredo Escalera, he must have wanted an impressive win without fighting a stiff. So he came back to Long Island and took on the Canadian lightweight, Ralph Racine, in a ten-rounder at the Arena. Racine knocked out popular local boy Paddy Dolan here last year and is known as a tough hombre, but Stanton, we all figured, was a tougher hombre. That wasn't the way it worked out though, and Racine was awarded a split decision after ten blackandblue rounds. Racine got the black (a huge mouse under the right eye) and Stanton felt the blue—very blue. All the fans and his cornermen could do was offer the tough young man their profound sympathy.

Stanton got off to a slow start and didn't bore in as is his usual fashion. This enabled Racine to concentrate on his own attack and jab Larry to distraction in the early heats. Stanton is a little Boyourself.$yourself.$ navena who can be outboxed.

When he KO'd Dolan, Racine had shown that he didn't like body punches. From the seventh round on, Stanton was the motion machine that he should have been before. Racine was forced to abandon his jabs and Slug it out with Stanton. Stanton shrugged off some half-a-dozen of Racine's best rights, and really worked Ralph over on the inside.

The comback came too late to impress ref Billy Graham and judge Harold Lederman, who voted 5-3-2 and 6-4 for Racine, respectively. Al Reid judged it 5-4-1 for Stanton.

Less than half full house showed up, for Jimmy Winters card. He blamed it on the World Series game.

After this win and other wins over Al Ford and Bob (Wildman) Alexander, Racine has become a bona fide contender. As for Stanton, all we can do is broadcast the facts—that the loss looks bad. Stanton was 136, Merrick, N.Y.; Racine, 134½, Niagara Falls, Canada. Racine is now 26-4-1.

In the rubber match between the two, local star Irish Paddy Dolan, 135½, Northport, won his second of three bouts with Ron Maewether, 134½, Newark, by a split eight round decision. This time it was Maewether's turn to squawk. He was vehement in his insistence that the decision was a hometown one. But Dolan won the all-important last round, when Ron did not do enough, and just sqeaked by. Before the bell, people were questioning the bout, as Dolan had boxed Maewether silly at Colonie Hill in Hauppauge the past January. (their second meeting). Dolan retained his smooth boxing and disdained his inclination to get reckless and leave himself open for bombs. He was over-cautious, in fact, trying to make every punch a perfect one. He was straining, and Maewether was a good slipper of punches. Dolan was exhausted in the last two rounds, but he knew he had to win them and he did. Dolan is a good boxer, and this should bring the series to a close.

Another popular local boy, light heavy John Capobianco, 176, Huntington, added to his impressive record with a ten-round verdict over Barry Hill, 165, Brooklyn. He had beaten Hill two years ago.

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FISTICUFFS IN PHILLY

By NIGEL COLLINS

PHILADELPHIA—Former featherweight king Bobby Chacon proved that he is still championship material with a devastating seventh round TKO over local hero Augie Pantellas at the Spectrum.

Pantellas had been promised a title shot against WBA junior lightweight boss Sam Serrano if he could get by Chacon. Instead, he practically had his head torn off by the vicious punching Californian.

Chacon, 130, treated the 4,801 fans in attendance to a brilliant display of two-handed punching that left the game but outclassed Pantellas a thoroughly beaten fighter.

The hard-punching local never stopped trying to land one of his own bombs, but except for one good shot that cut Chacon's lip, he was unsuccessful. The "Golden Greek" was simply dazzeled by Chacon's speed and firepower.

Bobby speared Augie with crisp left jabs and shook him to the core with a series of left hooks and straight rights. At times it seemed like Chacon couldn't miss.

Pantellas suffered a pair of knockdowns in the sixth when Chacon crashed home two stunning rights to the jaw. The brave loser somehow managed to beat the count on both occasions and survive until the bell.

The ringside medic inspected Augie between the sixth and seventh rounds an unwisely permitted the battered fighter to answer the bell.

Several more clean combinations were smashed into Pantellas' face before Augie's trainer Marty Feldman threw in the towel. Referee Tom Reed then moved in and stopped the slaughter at 1:32 of the seventh. The loser was bleeding from cuts over his left eye and on the bridge of his nose and could have been rescued earlier.

It was a bitter defeat for the 34-year-old Pantellas, also 130, who had scored five straight wins since returning to the ring in January of 1977 following a six year layoff.

South Philly junior welterweight Mike Everett continued to slip into oblivion, dropping a unanimous ten-round decision to Wade Hinnant.

Everett, 142, tried to stay out of trouble by moving behind his jab but Hinnant, 142, kept pressing to earn the nod by scores of 48-43, 47-43 and 46-45.

Hinnant, of North Philadelphia, fought a cool battle against his more experienced rival, landing solid left hooks every time Everett slowed down. The win upped Hinnant's record to 13-1 with six KO's, while Mike slipped to 24-9-1 with eleven KO's.

Left handed heavy Randy Mack, 216, outpointed Pittsburgh's Sam McGill, 208, over eight sloppy rounds.

GUSHIKEN KAYOES CHUNG SANG-IL

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In the fourth frame, with the blood gushing down Sang-Il's face, the Korean tried to go back to his strategic counterpunching, but Gushiken forced his way to land a series of solid shots to his opponent's head and breadbasket.

Moving in and out, Gushiken punished him effectively so that his well-timed combo dropped Chung on the seat of his pants near the end of the round. Sang-Il, apparently bewildered, barely beat the count to be saved by the bell.

The fatal fifth session did not last long, as Gushiken swarmed over the fading challenger to grind Chung to a standstill just after the round began. A vicious right hook to the face after a smashing one-two had Chung reeling to the ropes and down on the deck. Despite standing at the count of five, Chung, with his left eye almost blind due to the red ribbon, was unable to resume fighting. He was counted out by the referee, Morita.

Time was twenty-two seconds into the fifth round. The impressive victory carried Gushiken to an unblemished record of sixteen wins, including eleven knockouts, in as many pro outings.

Up to the stoppage, ref Morita voted for the lefty aggressor, 40-35, while judges Nick Pope of the U.S. and Japanese Uchida called it for Gushiken by the same scoring, 40-36. Gushiken scaled in a quarter pound heavier than Chung's 107½.

SCOTT BEATS GREGORY

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the third time in his career. Eddie Gregory's fighting heart seemed to melt under the heat of television lights.

The officials scored the fight as follows: Referee Tony Perez and judge Ernie Durando had it 6-4-2 for Scott. Judge Harold Lederman saw Scott a clear 9-2-1 winner. My own card had James Scott ahead 6-4-2.

Big Jimmy DiPiano, manager of the new WBA light heavyweight king, Mike Rossman, was in the audience. DiPiano wore a diamond ring as big as an ice cube and a smile as big as a Montana sky. The loss will almost certainly cost Gregory his number one ranking and a mandatory shot at Rossman's crown.

In preliminary bouts: It was nice to see veteran trial horse Bob Stallings, 230½, get a good win over prospect Broderick Mason, 204. Stallings threw his left hook and awesome overhand right with authority to win the four-round nod.

Bob Smith, 177, outfoxed inmate Mike Baldwin, 177½, to win a four-round decision.

Frank Sumter, 155¾, stopped inmate Elijah Ham, 157, in the third round on an eye cut.

WORLD RATINGS

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him from ten to nine and Mayweather from nine to ten.

Junior lights: Natlio Vezzoli, Italy, moves from eight to six with a defense of his EBU junior title against, and over, Isidoro Cabezas; Chacon's kayo over Pantellas moves him from seven to nine. Seeley falls from six to eight, inactive, and Malvarez drops from seven to nine. New face in the division is Venezuela's Ernesto Espana. Last time out he kayoed Bienvenido Quinto in one.

Gomez is ranked second in the feathers with his win over Zarate, who drops to second in Bantams. WBA junior feather champ Cardona's victory over Ruben Valdez moves him from seven to four; Castillo drops from four to seven; no major wins. Spain's Roberto Gastanon goes from eight to five with a win over Nani Rodriguez in defense of his EBU feather crown. O'Grady scored a win over Alfred Franklin but stays sixth. Reason: other men in the division scoring bigger victories.

Bantamweights now have Mexico's Lupe Pintor number one; he beat Roger Buckle in two. Zurlo, Italy, moved up from five to three with a win over Franco Buglione; EBU bantam title bout, Duarte's victory over Peter King makes him eight from nine. New face is Dominican Enrique Sanchez, who kayoed Ben Ramirez.

South Korean Kim Sung-Jun's victory over Vorasingh puts him into the fifth spot in the flyweights, as Netrnoi drops from one to seven. Gushiken's victory moves him into the top spot from the second position. Late flash: Julio Valdez over Alfredo Escalera, DeJesus over Edwin Virulet; Adolfo Viruet beat Bruce Curry; Zamora stopped Sandolgal.

MIAMI BEACH

By KING DONALDSON

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA—Baltimore heavyweight Bill Sharkey, 197½, boxed a ten-round draw with Minneapolis' Scott LeDoux, 226.

The scoring of the bout was as follows: Referee Eddie Eckert, 46-45, Sharkey; judge Gus Jacobson, 46-43, LeDoux; and judge Al Wilensky, 45-45, a draw. One knockdown: Sharkey on the deck in round one from a left hook. Bill was also cut over the left eye and on the bridge of the nose.

The crowd at the Convention Centre was 3,584.

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ORIENT ACTION

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

YOKAI OVER HATAKEYAMA

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL — Noboru Hatakeyama, national junior welterweight champion of Japan, is famous for his defensive skills, but he could not avert all the tremendous punches thrown by Masahiro Yokai, lightweight leader, and lost a unanimous decision in ten gory rounds.

The sensational meeting of national champs drew 3,200 spectators at the Hall, whose capacity is only 2,700. Hatakeyama had won the title by lopsidedly whipping hitherto invincible Tetsuo (Lion) Furuyama, last year, while hard-hitting Yokai had registered eight kayo victories against his countrymen.

They entered the ring at 141 pounds. It was ballyhooed as an eliminator to decide a challenger for Antonio Cervantes' WBA 140-pound class crown. From the start, they displayed fireworks. The taller Yokai tossed one-two combos frequently, but Hatakeyama cleverly avoided them with his good agility. A sudden knockdown was seen in round three, when Yokai sent a vicious right to his opponent's chin. Hatakeyama beat the count, and began to pay respect to Yokai's record of 14-3 with ten kayos.

The fourth session saw Yokai still on the offensive, but he was sometimes counterpunched by the bobbing rival.

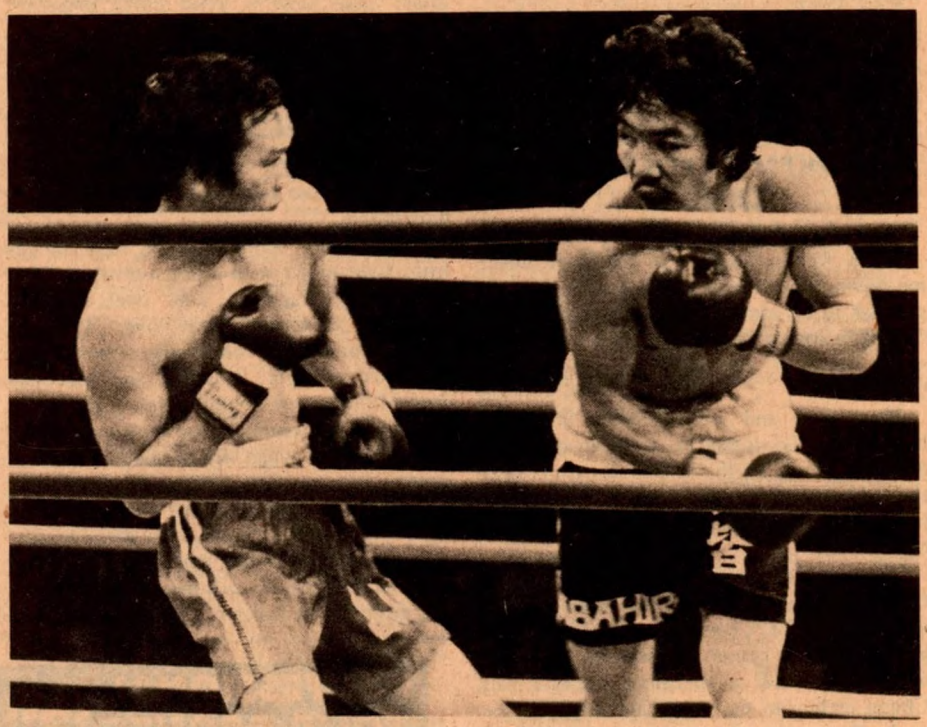
In the sixth round, Hatakeyama covered himself up from Yokai's roundhouse punches and scored well with short lefts and rights.

Why was Hatakeyama, one year his senior, so ineffective in the last four rounds? Was Yokai too aggressive for him in comparison with his previous oppositions?

Yokai, one inch taller, at 5 ft-8, attacked the fading foe with his two-fisted attack furiously enough to have Hatakeyama backpedaling time and again in the seventh round.

In that session, the loser absorbed enough good punishment to have his left cheek puffed, and in the ninth canto he commenced bleeding from the left eyebrow.

Yokai's greater number of punches with his longer reach carried him to an important victory. Referee Tezaki saw the action-packed affair 49-44, while judges Sasaki and Ichikawa both tabbed 49-45.



Japanese lightweight champion Masahiro Yokai scowls after throwing a right hand at Japanese junior welterweight kingpin Noboru Hatakeyama in their ten-round bout at Korakuen Hall in Tokyo. Yokai won unanimous decision.

It meant technician Hatakeyama's third setback against sixteen wins and one draw. It is said Yokai will face OPBF champ Moises Cantoja of the Philippines in a tune-up go before his ambitious crack at Cervantes' crown. However, we wonder if Yokai will be able to improve his loose defense against such a fine counterpuncher as Kid Pambele.

In a companion ten, Tadashi Mihara, ex-amateur champ, at 153, battered veteran Minoru Ono, Japan's third-ranked junior middleweight at 153½, with plenty of straight punches, gaining a kayo at 1:03 of the seventh round.

It was only fast-moving Mihara's second pro bout. Ono seemed groggy enough when the third man Ichikawa gave him a standing count. Then a towel was tossed in. Footworker Mihara must learn to put his full weight behind the punches.

Another bright ex-amateur, Katsuhiro Okubo, twenty-two years of age and 137¾, proved too much for shorter and lighter Shine Yamashita, 130 pounds, halting him midway in the third round. The 31-year-old Yamashita became Okubo's third kayo victim in the latter's third professional bout.

JAPAN

▲KORAKUEN HALL — Flyweight hope Shigeo Nakajima, 112, dropped an upset decision to Korean newcomer Kim Hwan-Jin, half a pound lighter, in ten speedless rounds. Nakajima was befuddled by the shorter Kim's tricky mobility and sudden attacks.

Nakajima, who had compiled nine wins (five by kayo including one over junior flyweight champ Kazunori Tenryu) against oen defeat and one draw, attempted to catch Kim with sticky body shots. The Japanese took only the fourth canto in the first half. The unbeaten Korean in his seventh pro bout, moved in and out, punched the local favorite with roundhouse blows, and opened a slight cut over his rival's right eyebrow.

In the sluggish proceedings of the second half, Kim managed to take a couple of rounds to eke out a close decision. Referee Ichikawa, judges Sasaki and Uchida scored the disappointed bout 49-48, 49-47 and 47-46 respectively, all in Kim's favor.

In a supporting ten, lefty Ryu Fukida, 128, impressively sharp, banged out Koji Kunishige, 128, a slow starter, and finished him at 2:00 of the sixth round.

Fukida, 14-7-1 with eight kayoes, was fast of hand and foot, dominating the first, second, and fourth sessions by clearcut margins.

After decking Koji in the fatal round, Fukida swarmed over him and was awarded a kayo triumph after two more knockdowns.

Ex-Olympian Hitoshi Ishigaki, 119¼, had scored three wins after he turned pro in Yonekura Club. Though he was still fighting amateurishly, Ishigaki caught Seishi Ii, an awkward veteran at 120¼, with a smashing right to stop him in the seventh round.

Lanky Ishigaki was hitting the onesided loser in a powder puff fashion. It was a commemoration card of former national welterweight champion Shoji Tsujimoto's recent retirement. The lefty six-footer, thirty, fought for eight years to defend his crown twelve times, until he was dethroned by another southpaw, Akio Kameda, last April. Tsujimoto's overall record is twenty seven wins (fourteen by kayo) against four defeats and two draws.

The card, presented by Yonekura Promotions, drew some 1,500 customers to see Tsujimoto's farewell appearance.

▲OSAKA — Junichi (Blazer) Okubo, 126, utilized his longer reach to pile up points before the eighth session, when he was caught by Filipino Earnie Grafe's wicked rights and was knocked out at 2:24.

Shorter by a head, Grafe relentlessly bored in to score with solid rights to floor the lanky speedster on three occasions. Referee Kashiwagi awarded an automatic kayo win to the sturdy import from the Philippines. The Filipino puncher entered the ring at 125½.

In a companion ten, Okihiro Kiyokawa scored an upset kayo over Osamu Yoshiyama, Japan's second-rated junior flyweight, with a good combo after an effective left hook at the

button. Each scaled in at 108 pounds.

Kazumi Sato, 122, was held to a majority draw by Kazutaka Kamano, 120½, in eight see-saw rounds.

In another eight, Masao Mizui, 121¼, outscored Taka Hayashi, 122, by a unanimous decision.

Some 1,800 fans were in attendance.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL — Though Korean lefty Yang Hong-Soo was dethroned by Chikara Igarashi via a twelve-round decision one and a half months ago in Tokyo, he had been a puzzling OPBF flyweight champ. Keisuke Yuguchi was only a green prospect with four wins against one draw despite his amateur record of 24-14 (twelve kayoes). In an obvious mismatch, Yang, at 114½, outmaneuvered and outpowered Yuguchi, 113 pounds, almost at will in the later rounds, winning a unanimous decision in ten frames. Yang's best was shown in round seven, when he overwhelmed the rookie with roundhouse ruthless rights and lefts at the face.

In another ten, hard-punching Isao Okahashi, 127¼, lost a decision in a rematch with Yasuhide Takahashi, a quarter pound heavier.

Okahashi tasted a bitter loss. He looked a bit overconfident, as he had disposed of Takahashi with vicious body shots in round six thirty-seven days before.

Noboru Ishimine, 121½, and a pupil of former double titlist Fighting Harada, finished Kazuo Uchida, 122 pounds, in the first round.

Another sixer was stopped at the end of the first session, as Atom Suzuki, a former kick boxer at 107¾, was awarded a technical kayo over Nobuyoshi Ohashi, half a pound lighter.

Some 2,200 fans were in attendance to see the good hopes of Kadoebi Club, the four of whom all stood in the losing corner.

▲FUJISAWA CITY — Elongated national junior middleweight champion Kenji Shibata, 153½, was annoyed by the aggressiveness of challenger Michihiro Horihata, 152½ pounds, but overcame the deficit in the earlier rounds to win a close but unanimous verdict in ten heats.

It was an encounter of lefthanders, but Kenji displayed his superiority in power by catching the perennial contender time and again. Though Horihata attacked the defending champ with all he had in the final session, his combos were not enough to gain a decision.

The triumph meant Kenji's sixth successful defense since he recaptured the national throne from Hiroshi Hikichi in Tokyo some two years ago.

▲YAMANASHI PREFECTURE — Having defeated ex-champ Kenji Kato in their rematch on July 31, Japan's flyweight titlist Koichi Maki, 112¾, engaged in a non-title go with brutal swinger Susumu Wakabayashi, 112½, and tabled a shutout decision in ten speedy rounds. Using his stinging lefts, Maki prevented Susumu from scoring with roundhouse left hooks in every session. As the game progressed, Maki punched him easily from all angles. In round seven, the champ landed a well-timed left to the jaw of Susumu, who hit the deck for a compulsory eight count. An official verdict gave five rounds to Maki and none to Susumu.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL — Japanese light heavyweight hope Toshihiko Nagaoka, 172¼, collapsed flat on his fourth visit to the canvas at forty-one seconds of the second round, and 31-year-old Nessie Horiguchi earned an upset quick victory, although he was regarded as a trial horse after a long layoff.

Nagaoka, who had sunk another prospect, Akira (Kong) Saito, in two rounds at the Hall became sensational. Comparing their difference of age by four years as well as their records, Nagaoka's 7-2-1 (five kayoes) and Horiguchi's 8-11-1 (six kayoes), no one had expected such a result. However, Horiguchi traded a heavy but short left at the button of Nagaoka, who was thrown onto the deck twice in the first session. Nagaoka should have stayed on the move. But he recklessly tried to avenge himself, only to be caught by the same left punch, going to dreamland with his face on the deck for more than the ten count.

Another upset result was witnessed in the first tenner, as lefty body puncher Hirofumi Mochizuki, 130 pounds, was completely outsped by a Shinjin-o winner of Tokyo District this year named Hideyoshi Horinaga, also at the junior lightweight limit, losing a unanimous decision.

Mochizuki, Japan's fourth-rated contender, was in command, aiming at the rookie's breadbasket exclusively to dominate the second round.

Suddenly, from the fifth session, Horinaga began to throw punches against the bewildered southpaw for three full minutes. Horinaga kept punching him for the next six rounds.

Ref Morita and judge Yoshida dually gave 49-46 to Hide's efforts, while judge Yamaguchi saw it 50-48 for the nonstop youngster.

It was Hide's thirteenth win against four defeats and one draw, but Mochizuki suffered his ninth loss against fourteen wins (twelve within the distance).

A triple eight-rounder, promoted by former stablemates and now Club honors out of Sasazaki Club, were real crowd pleasers.

Masami Sekiyama, a hard-hitting flyweight with a well developed torso who has iced nine men in eleven wins against only two defeats, halted lanky Yoshiyuki Shiomi at 1:51 of the fourth round.

The expected good bout became too one-sided after Sekiyama decked Shiomi with a wicked uppercut to have him almost counted out by the third man at the first knockdown, which happened as soon as the bout commenced.

The fourth round saw Shimi wobbly so as to be nailed against the ropes lopsidedly. Then ref Uchida declared a halt to save him from further punishment.

Another prospect, Kazuaki Hamada, nineteen years old and 7-1 (three by kayo), registered a clean knockout by dropping Takeshi Mine, half a pound lighter than the former's 132, with a strong right at the chin in the second canto.

If Kazuaki masters better balance on each leg, he will be a brighter hope.

Tricky Katsuji Sano, 118, frequently used swaying-back tactics to avert the less powerful punches of Shinji Taki, 117 pounds, outpointing him by a unanimous decision in eight monotonous frames.

1,200 customers at the Hall were satisfied with the good performances.

▲SHIZUOKA, SUMPU ARENA — A triple tenner was the attraction, with the main event former world champ Shoji Oguma's first appearance since his successive points defeats by Miguel Canto for the WBC world flyweight title.

Oguma, 111¾, faced Puma Koya, 109¾ pounds, to whom the lefthander gave a lesson and annexed a unanimous duke in ten rounds.

Slick-punching but glass-jased Shinjin-o (Novice King) winner and sixth-rated lightweight of Japan, Senju Yamaguchi, was knocked out by local favorite Tsutomu Matsuo at 1:38 in the seventh round. Ecach tipped the beam at the 140-pound junior welter limit. Another Shinjin-o winner of this year and a kayo loser this night was Kazuo Goshima, 152¾, who sank at the hands of Mamoru Taira, a half pound heavier, in the second session. Goshima suffered three straight kayo defeats.

▲OSAKA PREFECTURAL GYMNASIUM — Badly beaten by WBA champ Yoko Gushiken in Omiya City last August, Korean junior flyweight titlist Kim Mak-Dong, 111¾, proved too much for Mikio Uchida, a local hope at 110¼, copping a unanimous decision after ten sluggish rounds.

Uchida, whose record was only 9-4 with six kayos, appeared to be overmatched against the 22-year-old foreigner. Kim was in command in the third and fourth rounds. After Kim took the seventh and eighth sessions, he found Uchida's weakness at his midsection. His sticky attack at it, in round nine, produced two knockdowns, from which Uchida managed to get up, his face in agony. Ref Inukai viewed the mismatch 49-44, and judges Kashiwagi and Kurume had it 49-46 and 49-43 espectively, all in the Korean's favor.

In a semi-final eight, ex-local Shinjin-o winner Noboru Kogita, 146½, got off the canvas in the first session, but was battered easily by smaller Tatsuo Ohara, 142¼. A shutout decision went to the agile Ohara.

The card found some 2,500 fans gather there, due to the Shinshin Club.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL — In an eliminator to determine a challenger for Spider Nemoto's national feather throne, Bomber Uchida exploded dynamite rights at the lantern jaw of southpaw Keno Kashi to drop him on three occasions, winning a onesided decision in ten heats. Despite JBC scoresheets of 50-44, 49-45 and 49-44, it was an interesting bout, for Kashi threw good one-twos at the shorter but sturdy puncher. Uchida, Japan's top junior lightweight contender, who attempted to move down to the 126-pound class, landed a strong right to put Kashi down near the ropes. Kashi moved desperately for a narrow escape.

The third session was taken by the 22-year-old lefty, whose combinations caught the slower opponent repeatedly. But Uchida's superior power was displayed again in round five, when his short right had Kashi turn to the ropes and go down on the deck. After beating the count and enduring the round, Kashi touched the canvas after Uchida's continual attack to the face and body in the sixth session.

Kashi tried to outbox Uchida from the seventh round on. Kashi's long lefts sometimes caught the target, but Uchida cleverly grabbed the lanky youngster, as he knew Kashi had nothing to offer at close range.

Kashi, who revealed his lack of experience against such an infighter as Uchida, had his record drop to 10-2-2 with seven kayos, while Uchida gained his twenty-fourth win against four defeats and two draws.

In a preliminary sixer, Akio Fujimoto, 126, flattened Hisao Taira, 125¾, by throwing a triple one-two at the button in the third round.

In a bantam six, Hideaki Sawada scored the cleanest kayo of the night, sending Yasuo Takada flat to the canvas with a single left hook midway in the second session. Each weighed in at 119 pounds.

Some 1,200 fans came to see the eliminator, promoted by Kokusai Club.

▲HAMAMATSU CITY GYMNASIUM — Having suffered his first pro defeat by Korea's Chun Myung-Il two months ago, Shinjin-o winner Keizo Kurebayashi, 129, outpointed Kojiro Sasaki, 127¼, in ten rounds.

▲52-year-old Hungarian Lazlo Papp, who gained three gold medals in the Olympic Games—in London, 1948, in Helsinki, 1952 and in Melbourne, 1956—came to Japan as a coach for our amateur ringmen.

Papp taught them more scientific boxing skills and more diligent life as a boxer. The southpaw Papp beat Jose Torres, the future world light heavyweight champ, in the final of the Games in Australia. Lazlo said that he dropped only twelve decisions in more than six hundred amateur contests and scored twenty-seven wins (fifteen by knockout) against two draws as a professional.

Former Japanese flyweight champion Kenji Kato, 29, announced that he is hanging up his gloves for good after he failed to recapture the crown from Koichi Maki in July. He was a good left hooker, and his record was twenty-six wins (nine by kayo) against twelve defeats and nine draws.

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS
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MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
JaeDo Yuh (K)
1. Heun Wen Kang (K)
2. Rudy Siregar (I)
3. Wally Car (A)
4. Namyong Park (K)
5. Toshiaki Suzuki (J)
6. Chang Baek Choi (K)
7. Albert Cruz (P)
8. Chul Kwon Suh (K)
9. Al Korevov (A)
10. Kataue Ezashi (J)

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Jae Kun Lim (K)
1. Tsutomu Hagusa (J)
2. Kenji Shibata (J)
3. JunShik Kim (K)
4. YongTaek Kim (K)
5. Armando Boniquito (P)
6. Aquiline Nicolas (P)
7. Ramon Dionisio (P)
8. ManDok Lee (K)
9. Taminthong Singsamang (T)
10. Mitsuo Kushikino (J)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ryu Sorimachi (J)
1. Akio Kameda (J)
2. Gideon Toyogon (P)
3. Joesok Kim (K)
4. Mana Premchai (T)
5. Neil Pattel (A)
6. Kunphol Sakornphitak (T)
7. ChulHi Park (K)
8. Rey Bustillos (P)
9. Noli Garcia (P)
10. Yohi Arai (J)

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Moises Cantoja (P)
1. Dan De Guzman (P)
2. Chong Ho Kim (K)
3. Hector Thompson (A)
4. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)
5. Nimoru Suguya (J)
6. Jong Sathiragym (T)
7. Ruben Rabago (P)
8. SanHyun Kim (K)
9. Baby Cassius Austin (A)
10. Wongso Suseno (I)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Young Ho Oh (K)
1. Masahire Yokai (J)
2. Janrub Muangsurin (T)
3. Many Israel (P)
4. Kiyoshi Kazama (J)
5. Billy Muholland (A)
6. Lee Iidano (K)
7. Putt Lawlak (T)
8. Joe Lim (P)
9. Changton Singthenongsadi (T)
10. Hitoshi Takahashi (J)

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rex Tam (P)
1. TaeJin Mun (K)
2. Bomber Uchida (J)
3. Fred "Bruce Lee" Besa (P)
4. HyungIl Park (K)
5. Arman Bangoyan (P)
6. Ryu Fukida (J)
7. MunSuk Choi (K)
8. Apollo Yoshio (J)
9. Barry Michael (A)
10. Sumake Chorchang (T)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (J)
1. Spider Nemoto (J)
2. JinKyun Kim (K)
3. Shuzo Yoshida (J)
4. Rolando Navarette (P)
5. Nunthabureg Leadbankee (T)
6. Nene June (P)
7. KwangSoo Kim (K)
8. BokSoo Hwang (K)
9. Paul Ferreri (A)
10. ChongMan Yuh (K)

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
SooHyun Chung (K)
1. Eijiro Murata (J)
2. Kumpholek Sakornphitak (T)
3. Ric Diamle (P)
4. Yu Kasahara (J)
5. Chong Wo Baek (K)
6. Thanonchit Sukothai (T)
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8. Robert Brian (A)
9. Dedkad Kiatbunveng (T)
10. Rudy Patalinhug (P)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Yung Shik Kim (K)
1. Somkiat Sukothai (T)
2. Joe Araki (J)
3. InKyo Park (K)
4. Billy Abato (P)
5. Jaime Enriqure (P)
6. Venice Borkorsor (T)
7. Go Numata (J)
8. Sutan Rambing (I)
9. ChoonHa Park (K)
10. Mongkorndum Muangsurin (T)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tautomu Igarashi (J)
1. Shoji Oguma (J)
2. Jiro Takada (J)
3. Koichi Maki (J)
4. Dan Pisalchai (T)
5. Yung Hwan Kim (K)
6. Monsayam Mahachai (T)
7. Julius Gonzaga (P)
8. Hak Yung Kim (K)
9. Peter Siscon (P)
10. Nurhas Jim (I)

JR. FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Sang Il Chung (K)
1. Siony Carpo (P)
2. Netrnoi Vorasing (T)
3. Kazunori Tenryu (J)
4. MakDong Kim (K)
5. Chungcherng Borkorsor (T)
6. Ric Baribad (P)
7. YoungHyun Kim (K)
8. Steve Bell (A)
9. Sangthong Sitthumrong (T)
10. Okinhiro Kiyokawa (J)

Legend: (J) Japan, (K) Korea, (P) Philippines, (T) Thailand, (A) Australia, (I) Indonesia.
Note: The Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation does not rate boxers who are currently rated by world boxing organizations.

KOREA

▲PUSAN — Japanese Kitsuo Kushikino was originally scheduled to meet OPBF junior middleweight champ Joo Ho for the title, but Joo suddenly disappeared only one day before the card due to his disputes with the manager.

The Korean Boxing Commission received permission from the OPBF, now in Tokyo, to forfeit Joo of the crown and order an eliminator of former titlist Yim Jae-Keun and Kushikino. Yim became the new OPBF leader via a unanimous decision in twelve heats.

The Korean puncher drew profuse blood from the nose of the Japanese boxer in the first round. Kushikino, with his nose in crimson, fought back, but hit the deck owing to Yim's powerful combination in the third round.

Kushikino, though outpowered and outpunched, sometimes tried to throw desperate counterpunches, but Yim pressured him all the way.

In the first tenner, Korea's middleweight champ Kang Heung-Won was held to a surprising draw by African newcomer Abraham Mohammed of Ghana in a close contest.

▲PUSAN — National lightweight champ Kim Kwang-Min fought to a disappointing draw with Californian Abdul Bey, who had been staying in Tokyo's Center Sports Club, in ten monotonous rounds.

There were no knockdowns. Bey was so cautious as to cover himself up from Kim's aggressive rallies almost perfectly but failed to score with solid punches. Kim was on the offensive all the way except in round nine, when Bey connected with lefts and rights at the durable Kim's face. Neither was unable to collect points sufficient to be a winner, though Kim was more aggressive.

THAILAND

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM — Rising Jenrub Muangsurin won the Thai lightweight crown, as he demolished Changton Singthanongsakdi in the fourth session of their ten-round title bout.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMERN STADIUM — Top welterweight contender Kunphol Sakornphitak stopped Narongsak Bejkajorn in two quick rounds.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMERN STADIUM — Flyweight contender Suriya Pratumvadee decisioned Duen-Esan Luklongjun in six rounds.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMERN STADIUM — Chungcherng Borkorsor won the vacant junior flyweight title of Thailand by outscoring Sira Singthong in ten heats.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMERN STADIUM — Bantam champ Somkiat Sukothai stunned the crowd by stopping Kingpetch Vachirasakdi in the opening session.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMERN STADIUM — Welterweight puncher Kunphol Sakornphitak knocked out Katunyuchai Kwanjaichonnabot in the second round.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMERN STADIUM — Featherweight contender Manus Loangerng was stopped by Kholyuth P. Phannayuth in four rounds.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMERN STADIUM — Pook Sritam, an underrated flyweight, won an upset decision over Kittidej Kiatcharermphol in ten rounds.

▲BANGKOK, LUMPINEE STADIUM — Thanomjit Sukothai halted Morkasak Muangsurin in the fourth round to win the Stadium's championship.

▲BANGKOK, LUMPINEE STADIUM — Dropping Chaiyong Muangsurin for a count of nine in the fourth round, ex-Orient junior flyweight champion Montsayarm Mahachai gained a unanimous decision.

▲BANGKOK, LUMPINEE STADIUM — Flyweight Grianggai Yingsakdi won a decision over Ravee Sithchangsee in ten rounds.

▲BANGKOK, LUMPINEE STADIUM — Thai bantam champ Somkiat Sukothai hit the deck from a strong left hook by Dedkad Kiatbunyong in the third session, losing a unanimous decision in ten.

▲ROI-ET STADIUM — Junior featherweight Vichit Muangroi-Et proved too strong for Hengchialek Petchkasem in the sixth round.

PHILIPPINES

▲MANILA, ARANETA COLOSSEUM — Lightweight Celso Esmero dropped Suketoshi Maruyama of Japan with a solid right uppercut to the chin and mixed it up finely to stop him in the fifth session of their scheduled ten-round contest.

▲The GAB (Games and Amusements Board), which is the Governmental Commission of the country, announced its official ratings, as follows:

OPBF champions are junior welterweight Moises Cantoja and junior lightweight Rey Tam.

World rankers are junior flyweight Aniceto Vargas, super bantamweight Noel Arriesgado, featherweight Rel Clementes, and lightweight Celso Esmero.

National titleholders are: junior flyweight Siony Carupo, flyweight Vacant, bantamweight Billy Abato, junior featherweight Ric Diamale, featherweight Nene Jun, junior lightweight Fred "Bruce Lee" Basa, lightweight Manny Ysrael, junior welterweight Dan de Guzman, welterweight Gideon Toyogon, and junior middleweight Armando Boniquit.

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NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

By RAY MITCHELL

▲Boxing in a Lion Park! It happened in Australia last month. And on top of the bill was a title fight. It was the brainchild of promoters Lionel Rose and Les McDonald. The place is Bullen's Lion Park, situated at Rockbank, some fourteen miles from the city of Melbourne. For Les and Lionel it was an "L" of an idea.

The choice was not just a publicity gimmick. Lionel and Les chose a Sunday afternoon for the show and called it a family picnic day. While parents watched the boxing, children played on trampolines, watched a cockatoo circus, went for rides on mini trains and full-grown camels or watched the lions.

The seating for fight fans? Bales of hay!

On top of the bill, Lawrence (Baby Cassius) Austin, 140, defended his Commonwealth and Australian junior welterweight titles against Jeff Malcolm, 135¾, and at the end of fifteen rounds, Malcolm left the ring with both titles. Malcolm was too smart and won clearly. Referee Gus Mercurio scored 145-141, judge Cliff Heaver 148-141, judge Dinny Heaney 145-142. As stated in these columns several times, Malcolm is a smart boxer, extremely difficult to beat, and would shake up any of the lower half of the rated ten in the world.

The only other contest on the bill was a ten in which Metat Balla, 119, comfortably outpointed Guinea Hillier, 122.

Did Lionel and Les make hay while the sun shone? No, they did not; they lost money. But they are not going to take that "lion" down—they intend to promote again at the same venue.

▲Hector Thompson did not stay retired for long—just five months. He made his comeback at Brisbane Festival Hall, scaling 144½, which is just three or four pounds above his normal fitness weight—but he was fit. In fact, he turned in his best performance for about two years. Party of the other part was current Australian welterweight champion Neil Pattel who came in at 149, and it was a whale of a fight before an almost capacity house of some five-thousand. Thompson won on points—three points ahead on the ten-point system by referee (and sole judge) Des Crabbe. Thompson played the fighter role to Pattel's boxer. Best fight in Brisbane for two years, was the verdict, and Pattel offered Hector a shot at his national title. Should pack the Hall.

In the main support over eight rounds, Robert Colley, New Zealander domiciled in Brisbane, had an easy points win over Gus Spina to continue his unbeaten record. Colley scaled 147, Spina 152.

▲Australian bantamweight and featherweight champion Paul Ferreri defended his bantam crown against former flyweight champ Charlie Brown in the open air of the Rugby Oval, Griffith. Each scaled 118. Brown fought courageously and was well in the bout for four rounds but Ferreri took charge to win the fifth clearly, and in the sixth Brown's legs spread, his heels went down to the canvas, and he started to paw without snap. He took a left-right to the face and I, as referee, gave him a standing count while I talked with him. At eight I left Charlie to crown Ferreri winner and still champion.

There was an unusual ending to the six-rounder between Jim Burke, 152, and Buddy Nixon, 154. In fact, it was an unusual bout from the start. Burke was warned by referee Max Carlos for holding. Burke argued with the ref while Nixon looked on. That was in the first round. Both became upset with the ref as the bout wore on and in the third, Nixon went down. He did not appear to be hurt so Carlos ordered him to his feet. Nixon got up and exchanged words with Carlos. Then Nixon left the ring of his own accord. Goes down as a KO win to Burke as Nixon quit. Afterwards I asked Nixon why he walked out. He replied: "I did not like the way Carlos was controlling the fight." I said to him: "The KO defeat does not go down on Carlos' record; it goes down on yours."

▲Rosse Eadie, 144, defended his N.S.W. State welterweight title against former Australian welter champ Steve Dennis, 145½, at Bankstown R.S.L. Club, and this caused much pre-fight speculation among the fans. Eadie always is fit; Dennis is a terrific puncher. Would fitness overcome punching power? Each had his supporters, but no one expected the ending that eventuated. As Dennis glided back from a close-quarter encounter Eadie saw his jawline above his left glove so released his right. It went straight as a gun barrel and crashed on the southpaw's jaw. Dennis went down like a falling tree. His gloves still were on the floor as he tried to rise as referee Alf Weymark called out. That was thirty seconds after the start of round two. Billed for twelve.

In the main support over ten rounds, Kid Blair, 123, outpointed surprisingly heavy Roger Richens, 121, in a fast and interesting bout. Best bout on the bill was a sixer in which Kelly Thompson, 146, survived a knockdown in the fifth to outpoint veteran Eric King, 148.

▲Thompson and King met again one week later, this time in the main-event eight at Brookvale. Another good fight resulted with Thompson again winning on points.

CANADIAN MARITIMES

By GERRY SPEARS

Due to the untimely death of Fred Bishop, which occured in September as the result of a car accident, and my subsequent appointment as his replacement, boxing news has bogged down; but I am happy to report that boxing in this area has not, as you will see by the following.

▲HALIFAX—In one of the better fight cards staged locally in a while the only losers besides the four boxers brought in to fight the locals, and, possibly, the promoters, were the fans who stayed away from the Metro Centre. A card promoted jointly by Jerry Fraser and Don Kerr had the crowd in the vicinity of three thousand cheering lustly throughout the evening. The main event, billed for ten rounds between unbeaten Trevor Berbick of Halifax, and Greg Johnson of New York was a pier six brawl while it lasted. Berbick, weighing 213 lbs., and Johnson, at 208 went at it from the opening round until the referee stopped the contest, with Johnson who had been down in the third round and down again for the second time in the fourth, unable to defend himself against the superior Berbick. It was a dandy while it lasted with both fighters taking turns at hurting one another. The semi-final bout, billed as a "tune-up" for Lawrence Hafey before his proposed fight with Chris Clarke was a one-sided affair with Hafey at least on our score card taking every round from Eddie Parks of New York. Hafey, the Stellarton, Nova Scotia native, chased the New Yorker for ten rounds. There was little in the way of action as it appeared Parks fully intended to stay the ten rounds without getting hurt. He fought the first five rounds with his right tucked by his side and only in the last three or four rounds did he throw it and then with little effect. Both Hafey and Parks weighed in at 146.

The first of two eight-rounders brought together Ralph Hollett of Halifax, weighing in at 162½ and Al Little of the Bahamas at 159¾. This was a very exciting bout, as Hollett's fights usually are. At the end of eight gruelling rounds, the judges declared by a split decision in favor of Hollett. Our score card, along with others at the press row, had Little winning the fight.

The second eight-rounder brought together Kevin Downey of Halifax and Mel Richardson of New York, both weighing in at 175. Downey won this one on a TKO at the one minute, twenty-one second mark of the fifth round.

▲SYDNEY—Chris Clarke of Halifax received the nod of the three judges in gaining the decision over Eddie Campbell of New York in a one sided match before a sparce crowd of 1500 at the Sydney Arena. Campbell, who won only one round, fought a game fight but was shaken many times by hard lefts and rights from Clarke.

On the same card, Allen Clarke, brother of Chris, weighing 143, won a unanimous decision over Charlie Benjamin of Hartford, Conn., who weighed in at 144.

In the opening bout, Donnie Johnson of Halifax, weighing in at 147, knocked out Ray Ross of New Jersey at the one minute forty-four seconds mark of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

▲HALIFAX—It took Trevor Berbick seven rounds to catch up with Greg Sorrentino of Syracuse, N.Y., but, when he did, it was "game over" for Greg. Referee Herbie McMullen stopped the bout with Sorrentino helpless and manager Carmen Basilo climbing in the ring to save his fighter from further punishment. Berbick weighed in at 210 for this match, his lightest yet, with Sorrentino tipping the scales at 196.

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BOXING IN MEXICO

By EDUARDO AMER G.

▲**MATAMOROS, TAMAULIPAS:** Carlos Zarate, 121, WBC bantamweight champion, stopped Rudy Gonzalez, 121, in four rounds. Ausencio "Torito" Melendez, 118, TKO'd Ramiro Garcia, 119, in three. German Torres, 111, TKO'd Cecilio Ostos, $$$, in five. Antonio "Toto" Arcos, 125, decisioned Juan del Toro, 125 in twelve rounds, to retain featherweight crown of Tamaulipas State.

▲**CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA**—Hector Medina "Young" Casanova, 118, bested Rafael Gandarilla, 118, in twelve rounds, to retain the Mexican bantamweight title. Ariel Fabela, 158, outpointed Armando "Aleman" Alatorre, 159, in ten.

▲**REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS**—Jose Luis Baltazar, 147, gained an unpopular twelve-round decision over Jose Baquedano, 146, to retain Mexican welterweight belt. The crowd booed the verdict lustily.

▲**ISLA MUJERES, QUINTANA ROO**—Ranulfo Cano, 112, beat Marco Figueroa, 112, in eight. Jaime Balam, 112, outscored Jorge Armando Kob, 113, in six. Tony Hong, 108, TKO'd Francisco Juarez, 109 in six.

▲**CHIHUAHUA**—Carlos Mimila, 128, halted Antonio Paredes, 127, in four.

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS**—Ricardo Varela, 111, drew with Ruben "Gato" Mancilla, 112, in ten. Ramiro Garcia, 135, TKO'd Placido Gonzalez, 135, in three.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA**—Raul Pacheco, 112, whipped Enrique Castro, 112, in ten. Francisco "Papero" Rodriguez, 119, defeated Benny Silva, 118, in ten.

▲**CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA**—Rigoberto "Gigio" Estrada, 118, decisioned Memo Ayala, 119, in ten. Santos "Apache" Moreno, 118, won from Rafael "Tanquecito" Gonzalez, 119, in ten.

SOUTH AFRICAN RING NEWS

By ED CLARK

▲**CAPE TOWN**—Sydney Hoho had an easy win over West German Uwe Meineke, knocking out Meineke in the sixth round in a light heavyweight fight at the Good Hope Centre. In the first round, the German was driven against the ropes with a flurryof blows to the head but Hoho as also in succeeding rounds when he had his opponent in trouble eased off. In the final round, Hoho used a left and followed up with a hard right and Meineke sank to his knees to be counted out. Jimmy Abbott was a disappointment to the Cape fans but he won a six round decision over Terry O'Connor, England, in a heavyweight bout. O'Connor a spoiler seemed content on survival and the inexperienced Abbott had a frustrating time. O'Connor stayed close to Abbott and although the S. African won clearly it was a fight the fans would like to forget very quickly.

Sipho Mange kayoed Cecil Baatjies in the tenth round in a featherweight bout. This fight was exciting and the end came with a combination of blows then a right and finally a left hook finished it. Coenie Bekker decisioned Livingstone Luphondo, six, junior middles; James Abrahams outscored Steve Naude, four, welters; Sazi Xamlashe outscored Patrick Kholi, six, junior lightweights.

▲**JOHANNESBURG**—Gert Steyn retained his "supreme" junior middleweight title, scoring a TKO over Loyisa Mtya in the fifth round at the Wembley Indoor Sports Stadium. Steyn, shorter by almost a head, was far the stronger fighter and wore down his opponent by thudding body blows in the earlier rounds. Steyn then changed tactics and his blows landed on Mtya's head and jaw until Mtya lifted up his hands in surrender.

Johan Weyers won the "white" lightweight title from Eddie Mileham by outpointing Mileham over twelve rounds in a fast and exciting encounter. Weyers was down in the third via a right hook but he had Mileham down in the eleventh round with a left and right combination. The action was non-stop for the full twelve rounds and the fans showered the ring with coins and note after the final bell. Cameron Adams TKO'd Morgan Moledi, six, middleweights; Charlie McGreer outscored Johnny Thompson, four, flyweights; Charles Boias decisioned Willie McGreer, four, feathers; Justus Josephs outgunned Jack Jim, four, junior welters.

▲**JOHANNESBURG**—Bushy Bester became the Transvaal junior middleweight champion with a fourth round TKO over Louis Fourie at the Jack Eustace Hall, Booysens. Bester hammered the hitherto unbeaten Fourie to submission before referee Peter Lock mercifully halted proceedings. Twice in the second round, Fourie was on the canvas but showed courage in continuing. A combination of lefts and rights had Fourie down again in the fourth and when he arose with hands down Bester hammered again before the closure.

Wally Bubb TKO'd Richard Smit, two, junior welters; Sybrand Oelofse TKO'd Benny Bester, four, bantams; Neels de Beer decisioned Basil Meintjies, four, middles; Anton Retief TKO'd William Killian, two, middles; Hansie van Rooyen TKO'd Graham Jackson, five, junior leightweights.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

SPARROW'S HIDEAWAY—A poor crowd saw Eddie Marcelle, 146 ¾, retain his Trinidad and Tobago welterweight title with a fifteen-round split decision over Fitzroy Guisseppi, 146½, now based in Belize. The scoring was as follows: Referee Melchoir Taylor, 7267, Marcelle; judge Ken Laughlin, 7364, Marcelle; judge Vernon Romeny, 7269, Guisseppi. Marcelle was paid seven thousand dollars while Guisseppi received three thousand.

In the eight-round semifinal, Michael Drayton, 131, Trinidad, outpointed Cleophus James, 134, Trinidad.

In six-round preliminaries: Sterling Benjamin, 205, beat Godfrey Oliver, 216½; Gaston Saunders, 158½, TKO'd Eddie Johnson, 164, at 2:26 of the fifth, referee Vernon Romeny stopping the contest. All of these boxers are Trinidadians.

NEW YORK-PA.

By JIM LEO

▲ELMIRA, N.Y.—Rocky Fratto, 153¾, from Geneva, N.Y., halted Pablo Rodriguez, 155, Holyoke, Mass., at 2:50 of the fourth round of a scheduled ten-round main event. . . . Fratto, meeting Rodriguez, for the second time, made it short. Rocky got to Pablo with powerful left hooks and uppercuts in dropping the New Englander three times in the fourth. In the earlier rounds, Rocky was able to counter effectively, Pablo's rope-a-dope movements with damaging body blows. Switching the attack, Fratto was able to level the jaw crushers on Pablo, felling him. Rocky managed by Tony Graziano, who had much success with Billy Backus, upped his record to 12-0.

In six-rounders on the card, Pee Wee Stokes, 130, Bronx, N.Y., stopped Roberto Sanchez, 134 New York City, at 2:30 of the third round. Both boys exchanged knockdowns in the first two rounds, before Stokes was able to bet to Sanchez in the third. Sanchez, after being down, was in no condition to continue.

Tyrone Phelps, 148, Brooklyn, won a decision over James Williams, 145, New York City, in a six rounder. Tyrone has been keeping pretty active on local area boxing shows.

Don Johnson, 150, Brooklyn, decisioned Frankie Minnigan, 148, Rochester, N.Y., over the six-round route in a good bout.

Sanford Ricks, 138, Newark, N.J., won a decision over Pedro Torres, 138, Holyoke, Mass., six rounds, in an action filled curtain raiser which had the fans cheering. . . .

The bouts, promoted by the Canastota Boxing Club, drew 1400 fans to the Armory.

▲SCRANTON, PA.—Johnny Turner, 145, Brooklyn, N.Y., top welterweight, scored three first round knockdowns in making quick work of Steve Michalerya, 147, Allentown, Pa., at 2:37 of the opening round of a scheduled ten. Turner caught Michalerya with a right hand, spilling him. Johnny kept right on the attack as Michalerya wasn't able to recover. Turner, managed by Vern DePaul, is 26-2-1.

In the semi-final six, Jerry Foley, 200, Scranton, scored a fourth round kayo over Bob Byrd, 194, Chester, Pa. The popular Foley downed Byrd with a left hook to the jaw at the 2:08 mark. Both battlers unloaded hefty wallops in this one, with Byrd bleeding and cut at the finish.

BOXING IN CHICAGO

By JIM BRADY

▲The George Mostardini story sounds like a plot from a grade B movie. A 27-year-old laborer, who'd never laced on a boxing glove in his life, decides to become a fighter. Dubbed the "Italian Assassin," with less than a year's experience, he finds himself squaring off with Leon Spinks (exhibition) in a contest that drew more interest than any local match in years.

His record of 10-0, nine kayoes, helped resurrect what many felt was a "Dead sport" in Chicago. But recently, at the Aragon Ballroom, a bit player in this fistic melodrama wrote a sad ending to this epic.

Earl McLeay, 206, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, battered Mostardini, 211, Chicago, into a bloody third-round TKO defeat.

Early in the first round a thudding overhand right floored George. Groggily he got up . . . only to be dropped again, but the referee ruled it a slip.

In round two, McLeay (11-8) was boxing carefully, hurting George with hard jabs and jolting rights. Fighting on sheer instinct, Mostardini smasked a right to McLeay's chin that staggered the Canadian. Suddenly the prey became the predator.

Urged on by his screaming fans, Mostardini desperately tried to club McLeay into submission. He landed five rights that had McLeay on the verge of a knockout when the bell rang.

But Geoirge was through for the night. Amid a chorus of boos, his cornerman stopped the fight.

In the bout that was billed as the main-event, Calvin Cross, 245, Chicago, stopped veteran Pedro Agosto, 198, Trenton, New jersey, in the fourth. Cross was far too big for Agosto. His snapping left jab kept Pedro occupied . . . until a right hand finished him.

Luke Capiano, 190, Chicago, stopped Carl Halliburton, 192, Memphis, Tenn. in 1.

Reversing a prior knockout loss, Jimmy Phillips, 222, Memphis, out slugged Willie "Sugarbear" Williams, 237, Chicago, in six.

Henry Sims, 171, Chicago, stopped Lee Thomas, 160, Memphis, in the third.

In the opener, Roosevelt Green, 157, Chicago, outfought Ismara Epesi, 154, Chicago in four. The Quality Boxers, Inc., card drew 3,500 fans and an estimated $25,000.

▲Chicago has one of the largest concentration of Hispanics in the country. Yet, cards that feature Latins have not been successful here like they have been in Los Angeles or New York.

Henry Lopez, Sr. was dedicated to changing that. In a card that pitted Mexico against Puerto Rico, Jose Luis Santana, P.R., stopped Manuel Torres, Mexico, in eight (welterweights).

Bolo-punching Benny Marquez, P.R., stopped Roberto Perez, Mexico, in eight (lightweights).

▲WAUKEEGAN, ILL.—Boxing reared its head in Waukeegan (forty miles from Chicago) for the first time in memory at the beautiful Welles Convention Center.

In the main-event, promising Julius Noble, 172, Chicago and veteran Karl Zurheide, 174, Milwaukee, Wis., slugged it out to a ten-round draw.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING NEWS

By RUGGLES LARSON

▲Mike Colbert and Franco Thomas, two PNW fighters scored main event wins at Reno, Nevada. Colbert, 158, Portland, Oregon, outpointed Roy Dale, 160, Cincinnati, in ten rounds and Franco Thomas, 210, Anchorage, Alaska, decisioned Elliot Bryant, 230, San Diego, over ten rounds.

▲SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—Charlie Johnson, 200, Akron, Ohio, scored a surprisingly easy ten-round unanimous decision over Ibar Arrington, Everett, Washington, 194 pounder. A crowd of 1,051 paid $8,131 to watch the Seattle Arena card.

VANCOUVER AND VICINITY

By JIM JOHNSTON

▲WINNIPEG, MANITOBA—Promoter Tex Burns presented a four-bout card at Winnipeg Convention Cenre featuring heavyweights Scott LeDoux and LeRoy Caldwell against selected opponents.

LeDoux, of Minneapolis, caught his opponent, Sylvester Wilder of Parma, Ohio, with a surprise left hook to the body early in the first stanza. Wilder never recovered from the punch and after a one-sided first round the bout was stopped. The fans expressed their disapproval with a chorus of boos. Wilder was a last minute substitute.

Caldwell, of Detroit, scored his third consecutive win at Winnipeg with a convincing eighth round stoppage of Harold Carter of Cleveland. Carter was down four times. Caldwell outpointed Canadian heavyweights Paul Neilson and Earl McLeay in earlier appearances.

Winnipeg middleweight Wayne Caplette remained unbeaten when he stopped Charles Durham of Cleveland in three rounds.

Clem Tucker of St. Paul, upset young Terry Jesmer of Winnipeg via a fifth round kayo. The bout was stopped at 1:35 of the fifth round by referee Gord Mackie.

▲SEATTLE, WASH.—An unknown heavyweight from Alliance, Ohio, Charley Johnson, upset Ibar Arrington of Everett, Washington over ten rounds.

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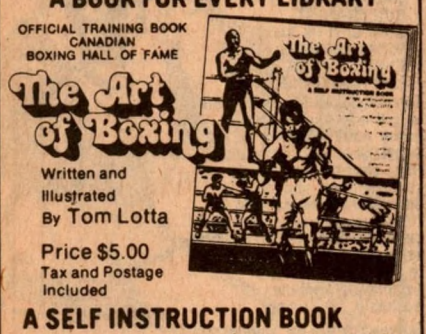

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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Johnny Pincham, former Southern Area champion, 151½, the bout being stopped in the sixth after Pincham had been decked.

A fine victory for young Rodney, who has lost only one of his 12 pro bouts.

It was a hectic affair at the start, both being warned for holding, and Pincham was censured for alleged butting in the third. Rodney's superior height and reach stood him in good stead, and Pincham's gumshield was knocked out in the following session.

With mout cut and nose bleeding, Pincham was taking punishment and although he managed to see the fifth through, the writing was on the wall.

A right to the head floored Pincham halfway through the sixth, and although he rose at eight the referee intervened to save him further punishment.

John Gilling, Newcastle, 147½, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Al Stewart, Ormskirk, 146, over eight. Scoreline 80-77½, which meant Gilling didn't lose a round.

Plenty of action here, and the patrons tossed in nobbins at the close. Gilling's persistent body-punching was the deciding factor.

Clive Beardsley, Leicester, 216, also didn't lose a round in outpointing John Depledge, Leeds, 201, over eight by 80-77. Not a fight to enthuse over.

An appeal by Manny Goodall for the dependents of the late Angelo Jacopucci raised £1,000. This included a three-rounds exhibition by Guest of Honour Alan Minter and his brother Mick.

▲Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham — Chris Walker, Retford, 142, comfortably outpointed Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, by 79-77½ over eight.

Walker showed a better variety of punches, but Gordon kept going and never gave up trying. However, the latter contributed to his defeat by incurring warnings for hitting low and with the open glove.

Tony Kavanagh, Birmingham, 149, was very much in control throughout and took a comfortable points verdict over Johnny Elliott, Bournemouth, 148, scoreline 80-77½, not losing any of the eight rounds.

A left hand in the second round had southpaw Elliott in trouble, and although he tried to trade punch for punch it was Kavanagh who lasted the pace better.

Not everyone agreed with the points verdict awarded to Winston Allen, Swansea, 203, over Allan Bagley, Birmingham, 203, the margin a narrow 59-58½.

Bagley was making his pro debut, and this was evident at times in his wild punching. Allen jabbed away with his left, and seemed to enjoy staying on the ropes and inviting his opponent to come to him.

The fans loved this hectic set-to, but thought the local lad deserved at least a draw. Bagley not only lost the decision, but broke bones in his right hand.

Bobby Breen, Fife, 121, outscored Pip Coleman, Swansea, 120, over six.

▲Hamilton Club, Birkenhead — It was the seventh win in eight bouts for local favourite Robbie Davies, 159½, who stopped Mac Nicholson, Ghana, 160, in four rounds. And it was the first time Robbie had boxed professionally in his hometown.

Nicholson tried to punch it out, and it was blow for blow in the early stages until Davies proved himself the stronger. After only forty-seven seconds of the fourth a couple of hard body blows had Mac in trouble, and the referee intervened.

Fine debut for Terry Welch, Liverpool, 132, who outpointed Selvin Bell, Manchester, 132, over six by 59½-57½. At nineteen, Welch looks promising.

Martin Bridge, Bradford, 145, finished strongly to just eke out a six-rounds points verdict over Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 142, by 59-58½.

Steve Enwright, Halifax, 124, beat Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 122, the bout being stopped in the sixth and final round.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, Liverpool — In an eliminator for the British light heavyweight title, Rab Affleck, Irvine, 174½, defeated local favourite Greg Evans, 170, the bout being stopped after only two minutes nine seconds of the opening round.

A shock result, a disappointment for local fans at this opening show of the newly-formed branch of the AASC, and to add insult to injury, there was an allegation afterwards that the round had in fact lasted THREE minutes nine seconds. This may for the subject of an official appeal by Evans' manager, Billy McDonald.

Affleck moved in at the opening bell, and continued to come forward, using both hands to good effect. Evans jabbed him off with left hands, but Affleck would not be denied, and forcing his man to the ropes crashed home a right to the jaw.

Evans did his best to cover up and try and recover his scattered senses, but Affleck had seen the green light, and rammed home punch after punch, Evans eventually going to the canvas.

He was up at six, but obviously shaken, and Affleck punched away merrily with both hands until the referee decided to intervene.

Brian Snagg, Liverpool, 138, outpointed Adey Allen, Leicester, 137½, over six by 59½-58½. Snagg impressed in the middle rounds, and Allen's good work at the start and the end was not quite enough to put him on top.

Romal Ambrose, Leicester, 162¾, beat Joey Saunders, Nottingham, 163, the bout being stopped in round five after the latter had been down.

Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 144, drew with Tony Hague, Leicester, 143, over six, and enthusiastic fans threw in nobbins afterwards.

▲Wolverhampton Civic Hall — Pat Cowdell, Warley, 128, easily outscored Jackie McGill, Glasgow, 128½, by 80-76 over eight, not losing a round.

This was one-way traffic, and the only interest left was to see whether Pat could stop his man. McGill took several punches on the chin, but remained upright, and was still fighting back at the end.

Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 128, outpointed Mark Bliss, Edmonton, 128½, over eight by 79-78. Little in this one, with Bliss sustaining a swelling by the left eye, and Chance's good work in the early stages being enough to see him home.

Fine recovery by Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, 162, who was decked in the opening round, but kayoed Martin McEwan, Birmingham, in the second. A long right hand did the trick. McEwan was off-balance, and went clean out of the ring, scrambling back just too late to beat the count.

George O'Neill, Wednesbury, 138½, beat Adey Allen, Leicester, who was disqualified in round three for illegal use of the head.

Doug Gregory, Wednesbury, 135½, outpointed Gary Collins, Tottenham, 140, by 60-57½ over six, not losing a round. A good scrap to watch.

Clifton Wallace, Birmingham, 157, outscored Les Foster, Hitchin, 160½, over four by 39½-39.

Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 149, also won on points in his four-rounder with Gary Newell, Wolverhampton, 147, scoreline 40-39.

▲World Sporting Club, London — British lightweight champion Charlie Nash, 134, outpointed American Willie Rodriguez, 137, over ten by 99-97½, but many patrons did not agree with the verdict, and showed their disapproval by tossing lumps of sugar and the ends of their cigars into the ring.

Dennis Andries, Stoke Newington, 171½, outscored Ken Jones, Wales, 173, over six by 59-58. Jones was down briefly in the opening round, and there was plenty of action throughout.

Substitute Eric Wood, Doncaster, 136, put up a fine performance in outpointing Vernon Penprase, Plymouth, 128, by 59½-58, but in fairness Vernon was conceding a lot of weight.

George Metcalfe, Liverpool, 134, beat Charlie Tonna, Crawley, 138, the referee intervening in the third. The latter was decked for nine, and went down again as the bout was stopped.

▲Cambridge Guildhall — Des Morrison, Bedford, 143½, took another step towards regaining his old British light welter crown by beating Chris Glover, Liverpool, 147½, the bout being stopped in the fourth round with Glover taking punishment on the ropes.

The towel came in from Glover's corner, but this form of retirement is not recognized in British rings, neither is it included in the rules. Anyway, this action was simultaneous with the referee's intervention.

This was the first time Glover had been stopped as a pro, and he was full of praise afterwards for his opponent's classy performance. Chris was down in the opening round, but did not lack pluck, and came back gamely, but in vain.

Rocky Beaumont, Hull, 136, outpointed Eric Wood, Doncaster, 136½, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round.

Steve Hopkin, Ely, 157, outscored Curtis Marsh, 158, over six by 60-57, another winner who didn't lose a round. Marsh started off like a whirlwind but finished like a gentle zephyr.

Neville Esteban, Manchester, 160½, kept his poise to outpoint Vic Jackson, Hackney, 157, over six by 60-58, overcoming a late rally.

▲St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow — When an injury ruled out the original top-liner a substitute bout was arranged at short notice between light heavyweight contender Rab Affleck, 182½, and heavyweight Bobby Hennessey, Wandsworth, 205½. Affleck won by 79½-77½ over eight.

It was an interesting catch-weights contest, with the good little 'un beating the good big 'un against the old adage. Affleck was giving away quite a slice of poundage, and had little hope of stopping his man.

So he stuck to his boxing, and in spite of bleeding from the nose, managed to jab his opponent off on the frequent occasions that Hennessey used his superior weight to come forward and pound away inside.

Dave McCabe, Gartcosh, 138, had it comfortable in outpointing George Peacock, 150, over eight by 79½-78. Plenty of honest endeavour, but a little short on skill.

Debutant Terry McKeown, Barrha, 127½, gave a promising performance in outpointing Bobby Breen, Dunfermline, 128, by the narrow margin of 59-58½ over six.

▲20th Century Sporting Club, Southend — Debutant Chris Sanigar, Bristol, 142, looked good in outscoring Eric Purkis, Croydon, 142, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

Terry Welsh, Liverpool, 134½, outscored Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 141, over six by 59½-58½.

Tom Jones, Liverpool, 177, gained an unpopular six-rounds points win over Joey Williams, Poplar, 178½. Scoreline, 59½-59.

Debutant Lawrence Williams, Manchester, 128, drew with John Cooper, Mitcham, 126½, over six.

Owen Slue, Herne Hill, 158½, outpointed Joe Hannaford, Liverpool, 158, over six by 59½-58½.

Martin Nee, Paddington, 210½, reversed a previous defeat by outpointing Bob Young, Croydon, 192, 59½-58½, over six.

▲Top Rank Suite, Reading — Les Stevens, Reading, 196, outpointed Christian Poncelet, France, 189½, over eight. Stevens won without trouble, but it was a disappointing contest, with Les being frustrated by the clutching tactics of the Frenchman.

The scoreline was 80-77, which meant that Les didn't lose a round, but not much fun for the fans.

Tommy Dunn, Reading, 138, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 138, over eight by 79-78.

Strangely enough, since Dunn last beat Collins over a year ago, he has lost six successive bouts.

This was a good contest to watch, with Dunn being handicapped by two cuts around the left eye and one on the nose, but he coped competently with all his opponent's rushes, and countered to good effect.

Dave Southwell, Cardiff, 150, beat Kendrick Edwards, St. Albans, 155, the referee intervening in the third after Edwards had been decked.

Alan Burrows, Cardiff, had it too close for comfort in narrowly outscoring Frank McCord, Swansea, over six.

Trevor Cattouse, Balham, 177½, avenged a previous defeat by beating Eddie Vierling, Southampton, 181, the bout being stopped at the end of the fourth when Vierling had cuts above the left eye. Up to then Vierling looked ahead.

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▲HOLIDAY INN RIVERMONT, MEMPHIS, TENN. — Unfortunately the evening's card was plagued with pull outs, injuries and no shows, but still as usual, resourceful promoter and matchmaker Red Fortner turned up with a pretty good show.

It started out the Sunday morning before the fights when three fighters from New Orleans, La. had to cancel out for one reason or another according to their manager Lionel Wheeler.

In the ten-round main event, heavyweight Robert "Ironman" Echols, 220, Memphis, lived up to his name in proving his great ability to take a punch and never stop trying. Echols dropped a unanimous ten-round decision to an exciting new heavyweight to the Memphis fight scene, impressive Elton Armstrong, 219, New Orleans, La., in a lively action packed fracas before a crowd of about 1,150.

The "Ironman" just could not seem to get his act together, while Armstrong played the perfect role with good clean crisp shots, including straight accurate hurting jabs, quick powerful shot right crosses followed by left hooks which kept the "Ironman" off balance and out of the way for a solid ten rounds. At the end, Echols was a completely beaten fighter bleeding from the mouth and nose. Echols asked for a December rematch.

In a six-rounder, the crowd pleasing Sammi Black, 137, Memphis, the rugged little lightweight who recently has won ten out of his last twelve bouts around the country, put Jesse Baker, 137, Little Rock, Ark., down and out at 1:14 of the 3rd with a thunderous left hook to the jaw and Baker was counted out flat on his back, as Black leaped with joy and the crowd cheered.

In another companion six-rounder, Glenn Greenwell, 154, Memphis, won his 3rd fight in a row as he KO'd veteran Donnie London, 153, Little Rock, Ark., at 2:20 of the second heat. In the first canto, London landed some sharp left hooks to the head of Greenwell which didn't seem to do anything but get Greenwell cranked up. In the second, Greenwell landed a couple of good rights and took London down and out.

In a fast action six-round walk-out fight, Freddie "The Pebble" Jackson, 114, Little Rock, Ark. and Earnest Woodridge, 115, New Orleans, La., sent the crowd out with something to remember. In the first round the two came out with fast exchanges of punches when suddenly Jackson cold cocked Woodridge with a lightning fast right hand that dropped him instantly to the deck for a five-count. The youngster came off the mat bombing away and survived the round.

In the second, both battlers stood toe-to-toe banging away in a non-stop windmill fashion. In the 3rd there was more of the same. Then, in the fourth round, Jackson caught Woodridge with a tremendous right uppercut coming in that put the lights out for Woodridge at 2:01 of the round. Woodridge was out for a full two minutes while attending ringside physician Samuel Weiner administered medical assistance.

Memphian heavyweight John Lee's opponent failed to show for a four-rounder and fast rising Memphian welterweight, Michael Herron's opponent, Jimmy Cook, Osceola, Ark., failed the doctor's examination due to heavy congestion in his lungs.

▲HOLIDAY INN RIVERMONT, MEMPHIS, TENN. — An estimated crowd of 1,000 saw Memphian local idol, storming featherweight, Eddie "The Flea" Freeman, 125, continue on his way back into the top ratings by stiffening a very durable Andrew Rodriguez, 126, San Antonio, Texas at 1:58 of the fourth in the feature ten-rounder in upping his record to 23-2.

Freeman seemed a little rusty the first two stanzas as he found it difficult to get inside the rangy arms of his opponent. In the first round, Rodriguez displayed sharp clean boxing by using his long left jab to keep the oncoming Freeman back. The second round was more of the same.

In the third canto, Freeman found the range with a crushing left hook to the body and a beautiful straight right to the chin which sent Rodriguez reeling to the canvas. Rodriguez was up at the count of six, pinning "The Flea" against the ropes with a flurry of hard punches to Freeman's chin. However, "The Flea" withstood the brief attack.

In the fatal fourth, Rodriguez again trapped Freeman in a neutral corner and unleashed a fierce barrage of punches. Freeman, immediately went low, bobbed and weaved in a crouch, and then suddenly exploded with a poleaxing left hook to the jaw which put the game Rodriguez down for the full count.

In the scheduled eight-round semifinal brawl, rugged Clarence Gilmore, 147, Memphis, TKO'd gamester, Billy Miller, 148, Ft. Worth, Texas, for the second time. Miller suffered several cuts above and below the eyes before referee James Kidd stopped the bout at 2:14 of the fifth. From the opening bell it was once again like their first encounter, a real slambang affair, with both fighters standing toe-to-toe taking pop shots at each other. It was Gilmore's heavier punches that finally were to take their toll as Miller quilted under the assault. The battle was fairly even until the stoppage with Miller wanting to continue and expressing obvious disappointment but Kidd made a wise decision.

In a six-round light heavyweight contest, former Navy amateur champ, Roberto Rockett, 177, Memphis, got back to winning ways, as he won a unanimous decision over Ed "Savage" Turner, 179, Memphis, who just recently got off a mild upset win over popular Ned Hallacy. A few years ago, campaigning out of Orlando, Florida, Turner was a promising light heavyweight. Then he suffered a severely fractured jaw which has just never seemed to have healed properly. Last year it was fractured again in a bout with Rockett and the fight was stopped in the second.

In this bout, Turner once again suffered an injury to the jaw in the first minute of the opening round, but managed to hang on the full six rounds. He thought he broke it again, but X-rays revealed it was just badly damaged. Rockett's left hooks appeared to have caused the injury.

In another scheduled six-rounder, former Memphis State football star, heavyweight "Big" blond headed John Lee, 224, Memphis, had his opponent, J. B. Mason, cancel out with a dislocated elbow two days before the fight. Gigantic Don Martin, 235, Memphis, was contacted a day before the fight, but promoter Red Fortner thought it would only be fair for the two to fight a non decision bout. The fans seemed to really enjoy this as the two banged on each other for four rounds and gave the crowd a good show.

In the four-round curtain raiser, welterweight newcomer Glenn Greenwell, 149, Memphis, made short work of his job against Eddie Partee, 146, Memphis, in winning his second fight in a row. Partee came out strong in the first round but Greenwell kept his composure, covered up and blocked most of the punches and responded with some nifty body shots. At the start of the second canto, Greenwell landed a vicious right hand body shot to the solar plexus that dumped Partee into the ropes where he was counted out at 1:39.

▲HOLIDAY INN RIVERMONT, MEMPHIS, TENN. — Young sensational Memphian welterweight, fast rising Michael "Hurricane" Herron, 144, giving away a vast amount of experience to his adversary, found no trouble in coping a unanimous 10 round decision over the very popular showman, Freddie "The Stepper" Harris, 138, Bossier City, La., the former Southern junior welterweight champ, in the main 10 round event before an enthusiastic crowd of about 1,200.

Judge Don Sargean scored it 99-89, while judge Chris Norwell had it 98-88 and judge Charles Ray had it 96-94. In the opening heat, Harris got off fast by scoring quickly with left hooks and right hand leads which had Herron a little confused for the first two rounds.

In the third round, Herron began to solve the showboat antics of 5'3" Harris by scoring effectively with sharp jabs and short left hooks in close as the "Stepper" was unsuccessful in avoiding the punches which were now finding the mark and causing "The Stepper" obvious distress. As the bout progressed, Herron, began to find the range more and more, scoring repeatedly with swift combinations that stung Harris.

From the fifth round on, Herron became the aggressor, dominated and dictated the tempo of the fight. Harris tired noticeably and there was no doubt as to the outcome as the crowd gave both fighters a standing ovation for an action packed scrap.

In a six-round heavyweight brawl, popular Memphian "Big" blond headed John Lee, 222, former Memphis football star, scored his 3rd win in a row as he demolished a very inept rotund Ed Baines, 231, New Orleans, La., at 2:21 of the third with two overhand rights to the head. Baines also suffered a lump and a deep cut below his left eye.

In another six-rounder, Memphian favorite Glenn Greenwell, 156, notched his fourth victory in a row as he literally punched holes in trial horse, roofer by trade, Frank Crosby, 155, New Orleans, La., in nabbing a unanimous decision win. For a youngster, Greenwell, surprisingly displayed a vast assortment of punches, throwing well executed jabs, hooks, nice straight rights which continuously bounced off Crosby's head. Crosby, after a nice showing via a losing effort to Herron back in February in Greenville, Miss., has gone the other way, now losing his fourth fight in a row.

In a four-round heavyweight slugfest, Memphian crowd pleaser, Don Martin, 223, iced a very determined Clifton Hines, 225, Memphis, at 2:08 of the second heat.

Hines, whose protruding belly, was an obvious target for Martin ripping right hands just couldn't cope with Martin's attack to the "engine room." Martin's tremendous shots to this area had Hines reeling helplessly. Midway through the first, a hard chopping right to the head dropped Hines to his knees for an eight count. Hines struggled to his feet and was bleeding from the nose as the bell sounded. In the second, Martin sensing the kill, unleashed a torrid flurry of punches dropping Hines flat on his face for the final count.

In the four-round curtain raiser, middleweight Bob Kidd, 165, Memphis, participated in his first pro fight and unfortunately it was a losing effort as he was thoroughly trounced by an in-and-outer, trial horse, Jimmy Cook, 164, Osceola, Ark. Neither fighter exhibited any talent whatsoever.

LONE STAR ACTION

By HARLAN HAAS

▲HOUSTON—The Summitt—Veteran Texas heavyweight Cookie Wallace not only lost the fight to big John Tate of Knoxville, Tenn., but had his brand new robe stolen from his dressing room after the fight.

Cookie did well in the opening round, as he rushed from his corner and immediately went to work on Tate's body, driving home numerous punches just above the hip area.

Big John was backing up slowly as Wallace kept boring in but was countering beautifully. They had a furious exchange on the ropes and Tate came out the better in this confrontation during the waning seconds of round two.

Tate's corner almost forgot to put in his mouthpiece as the bell rang in the third, but Cookie advanced across the ring slowly, allowing Big John's corner crew enough time to jam in the protector.

Cookie was still moving in aggressively in the middle rounds but the tall bronze medal winner in the last Olympic games was in full command and his punches were crisp and sharp and they beat a steady tattoo on the already rugged features of the Texas Cookie Man.

Cookie seemed to suck it up in the sixth, trying to swin the tide of battle back to his favor, and did land a wicked left hook to Tate's jaw early in the round. The big fellow from Knoxville kept piledriving home a steady barrage of piston-like blows, and looking like the world's ranking fighter that he is.

Tate was really rolling under a full head of steam in the eighth round, and must have wondered what was holding the Texas tough guy erect.

Wallace's corner knew he was exhausted as he went out to face his 21-pound heavier foe in the ninth round. Big John unleaded all the heavy artillery in his arsenal at a dead game fighter who had given 100%, as he had said prior to the battle he would do. The end was near as Wallace backed up to lean on the ropes. Tate was awesome as he rocked Wallace with punch after punch until referee Mark Tessman (former top light heavyweight contender) leaped between the pair to halt the contest at 2:17 of the ninth round. A TV figure counted 22 punches in the final barrage of Tate without a return, and yet the Cookie Man refused to crumble. He was erect all the way, even standing between rounds.

Cookie weighed in at 214, and Tate 235.

In another ten, Harold Weston of New York pounded Miami's Sammy Masias into submission in five rounds. Weston weighed 148, after taking off a couple of pounds earlier in the day, and Masias weighed 146. Weston showed excellent boxing ability and good fire power against a game adversary. In a six, hard hitting Ignacio "Nacho" Lopez, 166, Houston, took a couple of shots then unloaded a powerful straight right hand to the chin of Arthur "Indian Red" Henderson, 164, Ft. Worth, and Henderson fell as if poleaxed to be counted out in the first round. In a walkout six, Otis Gordon, 174, Houston, was down for a nine count but got up to kayo Donnie Melancon, 172, Houston, in the first.

▲HOUSTON—Latin World Arean—As usual, the fights at promoter Ruben Guerra's Latin World were first-class wars. The double main event produced some of the wildest action of the year and just about everyone who left the arena was sepaking in a hoarse voice from yelling.

Jesse Lara, 151, Nuevo Rosita, Mexico (now headquartering in Houston), and Torito Rivas, 161, San Antonio, waged a torrid ten-round battle. Lara's seventy pro fights proved a big help as he roared down the stretch to drop the bushy-haired strong boy from the Alamo City twice for nine counts in the ninth, and once again in the tenth and final round to nail down the victory. It was one of those "you hit me and I'll hit you" type of donneybrooks so dear to the hearts of the fistic faithful, and Lara was happy to be back home after fights on the road with Alois Carmeliet in Belgium, Fighting Jim in Curacao, Sugar DeLeon in Las Vegas, and Bruno Arcari in Italy.

The other ten was perhaps the year's most exciting fight with Leon "Whitey" McCullum, 159, Houston, winning a ten-round decision over hard hitting Mike Garcia, 154, Houston. What a barn burner the contrast in styles figured to make this one an eye-opener. The stocky McCullum was relentless in his attack as he bobbed and weaved his way into close range warfare with the much taller Garcia, who is an accomplished boxer-puncher. McCullum slammed home telling body blows again and again while forcing the battle, Whitey had to sample some bombs, but they never seemed to hurt the muscular fire-plug and his bruising attack seemed to take a little out of Garcia down the stretch. An unintentional butt during the last minute of action opened up a gash above McCullum's left eyebrow.

Robert Powell, 159, Houston's fighting machinist, was impressive in winning a hard fought six-round decision over Al Davila, 160, San Antonio. Powell, a good right hand banger, had Davila down in both the fifth and sixth rounds but couldn't stow him away for keeps. Powell, an experienced campaigner; goes in sixes, eights, or tens make no difference to the former All Fourth Army champion and Job Corps fighter. In the other six, Terry Strapnel, 135, Houston (formerly of Milwaukee), decked Roberto Garcia, 135, San Antonio, a couple of times enroute to a decision win.

▲PASADENA—Wilford Sypion, 158, Galena Park, stopped Oscar "rocky" Rios, 160, Lubbock, in the first round. Rios and Sypion exchanged a few punches and Rios was unable to continue as he turned away from the action holding his left arm. The ref stopped the bout and raised Sypion's arm, giving him a first round technical knockout. Jerry Kornele, 126, Galena Park, stopped Alfronso Dominguez, 127, Odessa, on a cut eye in the third round. Danny Donatto, 149, Houston, stopped willing Martin Jiminez, 150, Houston, in the third round of a good action bout. Jesse Montemayor, 126, Houston, won a four-round decision over George Zuniga, 130, Houston, in the best fight of the night. Cleve "Big Cat" Williams was the referee of this fight. He looks fit and trim. The "Big Cat" said he is now forty-five years old but still weighs 222 pounds and that was fighting weight for him. The former top heavyweight contender back in the 1950's and 1960's works for Massey Pope Oilfield Services in Houston, Texas.

IN OLD VIRGINNY

By JACKIE LEVINSON

HAMPTON, VA.—Duane Bobick, on the heavyweight comeback trail at the Hampton Coliseum, polished off John (Speedy) Jordan in 1:15 of the first round when he caught the forty-year-old heavyweight with a right hand to the jaw.

In another scheduled ten-rounder, Earnie Shavers finished John Girowski at 1:48 of the fourth round after a series of right and left hand body smashes which caused the referee, Al Rothenberg, the bout. Shavers had his opponent on the floor from a right hand to the jaw in the preceeding round. Girowski, thirty-four pounds lighter than Shavers, was given a boxing lesson. The history professor at Florida State College was never in the fight and the weight difference was no help.

On the undercard, the undefeated Norfolk welterweight, Boby Acey, kayoed Larry Moore of West Virginia with a solid shot to the jaw at 1:25 of round two.

Light heavyweight Al Yesbick, Charlottesville, outpointed Stan Scott of Cleveland in six.

Luluis Spell, Norfolk, fought to a four-round draw with Van Tate, Virginia, in a lightweight contest; Frankie Crossman, 165, Charlottesville won a unanimous duke over Jesse Carter, 159, Norfolk; Leroy Boone, 201, defeated Harold Carter, 194, Cleveland, to easily win a six-rounder; Quinnie Locklear, a Baltimore heavy, won a split six-round decision from The Fighting Fireman from Norfolk, Brad Crane.

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